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‘Her last great journey’



Judith Woods

King’s words to the nation resonate with people of Scotland lining the roads to pay their respects

A blessed and glorious Queen laid to rest in a simple oak coffin. Draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, crowned with a modest white wreath of phlox and heather. Beautiful. Poignant. Shocking. Her subjects knew Elizabeth II was gone. For days we had mourned her loss.

But the sight of her mortal remains setting off on their “last great journey”, as the King called it in his address to the nation on Friday, had an impact all of its own.

From early morning, the Scottish people waited, quietly keeping watch along the six-hour route for a glimpse, however brief, of the cortege. Ripples of applause broke out, heads were bowed. Eyes misted over.

But it was when the hearse slowly trundled down the cobbles of Edinburgh’s Royal Mile that the stark reality was almost too much to bear. A hush descended on the crowds

crammed into the narrow thoroughfare as the cars first came into sight. Then gasps, a swell of applause, ragged cheers.

Tears. Grief for a much-loved Queen who had been the steadfast backdrop of our lives for 70 years.

As the cortege entered the gates of the Palace of Holyroodhouse and finally came to a halt, a guard of honour gave a Royal Salute before military bearers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland carried the coffin to the Throne Room, where it would remain overnight.

Senior members of the royal household were also there; Princes Andrew and Edward respectfully bowed their heads, the Princess Royal gave a touching curtsy.

Then the heavy wooden doors closed on a day like no other. A solemn day on which the people of Scotland honoured a monarch without equal.

In unforgettable scenes of pageantry and pomp the likes of which the nation – the world – has never before seen, the body of Elizabeth II was brought, with reverence and ceremony and something far more powerful, from her much-loved estate in Balmoral to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

At the start of the day, beyond the public view, her coffin was carried aloft by Balmoral gamekeepers, covered by a banner and adorned with pale blooms from the estate, as the

Military bearers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland carry the Queen’s coffin into the Throne Room at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

Queen’s piper played a mournful lament.

And as the September sun shone down, the funeral cortege swept through the gates and slowly made its winding way through lush farmland and forest, tracing the glittering course of the river Dee.

Just a 10-minute drive away, nestled at the bottom of Craigendarroch hill, the Highland village of Ballater paid a final touching tribute to a cherished neighbour they considered to be one of their own.

Richard Careless, 54, a surveyor from Nottingham, drove seven hours through the night to reach this destination.

He said: “I arrived here in Ballater at half-past one this morning. I tried to get to Balmoral then but the police had closed everything off. I wanted to pay my respects. Like many people, she is the only queen I have ever known.

“When something like this happens, you think, ‘I wish I had made the effort to come and see her more often.’”

Margaret Phinn, 57, made the trip from Glasgow with her husband Jim. “I felt shock when I heard,” she said, fighting back tears. “You just always thought she was going to be here.”

At the front of the town’s war memorial, three lord lieutenants from Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire were joined by Richard Baird, the Commander of Clan Baird and a

member of the Queen’s ceremonial bodyguard, the Royal Company of Archers.

Carrying a grouse-head staff and in traditional Highland dress, he said: “It’s rather fitting that Aberdeenshire wants to give Her Majesty a good send-off.

“Ballater has always been a well-frequented place for the Royal family. They are well-kent faces and can walk around without fear of being disturbed.”

Her hearse passed by on its extraordinary royal progress. And despite the police outriders, the crash barriers and the news helicopters clattering overhead, there was a timelessness, a medieval quality about our “late sovereign of happy memory” taking her final leave of her people.

In Banchory, the crowd clapped in restraint while outside the town a phalanx of tractors flanked the road, surely raising a smile from those in the cortege. The Queen, a keen countrywoman whose prize livestock regularly won rosettes at the Royal Highland Show, would most certainly have been amused by this impromptu gesture.

The hearse then drove through Aberdeen, where a hand-made royal orb decorated with sequins, glitter, and emerald jewels lay nestled among the city-centre tributes.

On one bouquet, a poignant legend read: “From the Granite City to

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beautiful Deeside, thinking of your wonderful life.

“Your service, devotion to duty and all you have done for the nation will always be remembered. A shining light for us all, thanking you for everything. God bless you Queen Elizabeth II, Rest In Peace.”

Veterans from the Royal Engineers waved their regiment’s flag in tribute as the hearse came past, while other bystanders clutched Union flags close to their chest.

Acknowledging the depth of feeling, the Princess Royal, sitting beside her husband, Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, gave a solemn nod from her car to the dignitaries standing outside the entrance to Duthie Park.

Brian Healey, 68, and wife Susan, 62, praised the stoicism of the Princess Royal.

Mr Healey said: “To do what they have been doing for six hours or so, today, right in the public eye, is very tough going.

“They can’t mourn in private. It just shows the devotion to duty that the wider family has.”

Mrs Healey added that she wished the new King “a lot of luck.”

“The Queen was the glue that held the Union together. He’s got a big challenge to now convince Scots they should remain in the Union.”

But politics was in abeyance for now. In death as in life, Elizabeth II

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A day of love and loss woven into the tapestry of our nation's history

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brought her people together. As Scots gathered yesterday, they were united in a desire to witness – to be part of – living history.

In Edinburgh, the focus turned to the continuity of monarchy – with a distinctly Scottish essence to reflect not just the Acts of Union in 1707 but the Union of the Crowns in 1603.

By midday, many thousands of spectators had gathered on the Royal Mile where the Royal Company of Archers, the monarch's bodyguard in Scotland, stood to attention.

A familiar, welcoming presence at the late Queen's garden parties at Holyroodhouse and other ceremonial occasions, they made for a reassuring sight, longbows in hand, eagle feathers in their Balmoral bonnets, ready to serve their new King.

At the 14th-century Mercat Cross in Parliament Square, the Lord Lyon King of Arms, resplendent in red and gold brocade and ostrich feather hat, made his proclamation of the new King to

the people of Scotland, "with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart".

A fanfare from state trumpeters. A loud rendition of *God Save the King*, even if some onlookers understandably fumbled over the words, singing "send her victorious, happy and glorious".

And then, from the gathered masses, resounding cheers for the new monarch that echoed as far as Edinburgh Castle, where a 21-gun salute took place. As the procession of dignitaries walked up the hill to repeat the proclamation, the crowd followed, drawn by the imperative to be present and immerse themselves in the enduring rituals of royalty.

Mother and daughter, Margaret Goddard and Fiona Weir, from Edinburgh, had come to St Giles' to see the proclamation.

"I saw the one before," said Margaret, 82, explaining she had seen the Queen crowned on television and could remember three monarchs.

"And we went to Holyrood House to

'Some people called her Ma'am, others called her Queen, but we always just called her boss'

see the Queen's wedding dress. I was in primary seven when the Queen came to the throne and we had the proclamation there as well," she added.

To the north, the Scots who turned out in Tayside waited hours for the briefest glimpse of the cortège. Many chose to film the moment on mobile phones, others preferred silent reflection. A ripple of applause broke out as the coffin slowly passed.

"I'm glad, but not surprised, to see so many people here," said Dougie Milne, 58. "There are so many kids and I get the impression they are the ones dragging their parents along."

"I've always respected what she has done for the country, but I can't quite get my head around why I keep getting emotional. Over the last few days, I have just found myself suddenly welling up."

"It wasn't just that she was our Queen. It was the person she was. I knew someone who used to be a gardener in Balmoral and he would always say she was the most down-to-

AARON CHOWN/PA



Timetable of events How today will unfold

After 1pm The King and Queen Consort will be formally welcomed to Scotland by the Lord Provost at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in which the King will symbolically receive the keys to the City of Edinburgh in the Ceremony of the Keys.

2.35pm Queen Elizabeth's coffin will be taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, down the Royal Mile to St Giles' Cathedral. The coffin will be moved in a hearse, flanked by the bearer party of the Royal Regiment of Scotland and a detachment of the Royal Company of Archers. The King, the Princess Royal, the Duke of York and the Earl of Wessex will follow on foot, while the Queen Consort and other members of the Royal family will be in cars.

2.55pm The coffin will arrive at the cathedral where the Crown of Scotland will be placed upon it by the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. A service will then be conducted by the Rev Calum MacLeod, which will be televised. Following the 40-minute service, the Queen's body will lie at rest in the cathedral for 24 hours. A continuous vigil will be mounted by the Royal Company of

Archers. Later in the afternoon, the King will return to Holyroodhouse to receive Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister, and will attend the Scottish Parliament to receive a motion of condolence. **5pm** St Giles' will be opened to members of the public. They can then file past the coffin to pay their respects. **7.20pm** The King and his siblings will mount their own vigil at the cathedral.

earth person you could meet." Derek Simpson, 58, from Glenrothes, who served in the military between 1979 and 2008, said the Queen's death had caused particular sadness among service personnel and veterans. "I went all over the world and the Queen was always so highly regarded," he said. "Some people called her Ma'am, others called her Queen, but we always just called her boss."

In truth, Elizabeth II was so central to the warp and weft of national life that she was many things to many people of all generations. A leader. A figurehead. A role model. An icon.

In Edinburgh, children in the throng, including the three-year-old daughter of Oliver Mundell, a Tory MSP, held up their Paddington Bears – theirs is a memory of a sweet old lady with a twinkling smile and a marmalade sandwich in her handbag.

However we remember her, she was the shining thread that linked past and present – although, alas, no longer our future. But those ties will continue to

bind. How symbolic that when the Queen's coffin was conveyed into Edinburgh's historic Old Town, the cortege passed the selfsame Mercat Cross, where just hours previously King Charles III was proclaimed monarch to great jubilation.

"It's happy and sad," one man said to his son, ruminating on an extraordinary day in Edinburgh. Interspersed among the well-wishers the length of the road regarded as the city's spine were television crews from what felt like every country on earth.

As we have seen from the outpourings of affection across the world, the Queen, who was exceedingly well travelled, was held in high regard wherever she went.

Pamela Gray, 64, of Edinburgh, waited four hours to pay her respects as the late Queen was "such a positive force over the years" and she felt "quite emotional" at the sight of the coffin, before pointing to the fact the Queen had led such a "wonderful life" and



The Princess Royal curtsies as the Queen's coffin, draped with the Royal Standard of Scotland, arrives at Holyroodhouse. She is comforted by the Countess of Wessex

highlighting the size of the crowd, and particularly the little ones present, as evidence of her enduring legacy.

"I'm so pleased I've been part of it. I managed to catch a glimpse," said Fiona Kinghorn, 72, who had come from Leicestershire. "She was such an important person and was held in such high regard and she cared so much for everybody. It was very poignant."

And as the crowd started slipping away to process what they had witnessed, the heavens opened. But Elizabeth II, who held Scotland so dear, was never phased by drizzle, as attested by her many hearty headscarfed walks in the hills by Lochnagar. It was all part of her uniqueness.

A Queen like no other. A day without equal. A day of loss and love forever stamped on our hearts, forever woven into the rich tapestry of our nation's history.

Additional reporting: Simon Johnson, Daniel Sanderson, Max Stephens and Will Bolton



Queen's loyal servants given their chance to bid a fond farewell

Balmoral staff said private goodbye, then six chosen gamekeepers carried coffin to sound of a lone piper

By Gordon Rayner ASSOCIATE EDITOR

THE journey of Queen Elizabeth II's coffin began behind closed doors at her favourite place in the world, where some of those closest to her bid the late monarch a private farewell.

Since her death on Thursday, she had lain in the ballroom of Balmoral, where staff, some of whom had served her for decades, had been able to say their goodbyes. To her they were not anonymous servants, as she loved to keep up to date with marriages, births and landmarks in their lives.

Fifty of them worked full time at the 50,000-acre working estate, where

grouse moors, Highland cattle, deer and ponies all had to be attended to, as well as the castle itself and around 150 other buildings that required up to 100 part-time staff for their maintenance.

Every detail of the Queen's funeral arrangements, from the oak coffin she will be buried in to the order of service at Westminster Abbey, was decided by her before her death, so it was telling that she chose six gamekeepers for the honour of carrying her casket on the first few steps of its journey, to the hearse waiting at the entrance portico.

In life, the Queen was woken every day by a bagpiper playing below her window, and in death she was piped out of Balmoral by her piper, Pipe Major Paul Burns, playing Balmoral and Glen Gelder.

The Queen also had a deep connection with the Royal Regiment of Scotland, of which she was Colonel in Chief, and it was the Ballater Royal Guard of

Logo mystery Branding on royal hearse disappears

A funeral director's branding vanished from the hearse moving the late Queen's body halfway through its journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh yesterday.

The William Purves window sticker was visible when the hearse drove through Aberdeen at 1.05pm. But by the time the

Balaklava Company of the Regiment that was given the honour of presenting arms in a royal salute.

Balmoral was where she was truly relaxed: a family home where she could live her most normal life of being a mother, walking her dogs and picnicking among the heather.

The first part of her final journey was a perfect reflection of a woman who was a country girl at heart. Stripped of the heavier trappings of sovereignty, it was nevertheless filled with deeply personal touches that combined the informality of her life in Scotland with the public duties that were never too far distant.

The public got their first glimpse of the late Queen's coffin at 10.06am, when draped in the Scottish version of the Royal Standard, and simply adorned with seasonal flowers, the oak casket passed through the gates of Balmoral Castle. The wreath included sweet peas, one of the Queen's favourite flowers, as

well as dahlias, phlox and limonium, all cut from the gardens at Balmoral, but it also contained white heather, pine and fir from the moors and the woodlands on the estate where she had loved to roam since she was a girl.

Edinburgh-based funeral directors William Purves had been chosen to transport the Queen's coffin, and the firm chose a Mercedes hearse with a glass roof and wide single-pane side windows to give the waiting public the best chance of seeing the coffin as it passed them on its long journey by road.

Travelling behind in a burgundy coloured Bentley was her only daughter, Princess Anne, and her husband Vice

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Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence. The Princess Royal was chosen by her late mother to accompany her coffin on the six-hour journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh and, tomorrow, on the flight to London. The cortege of six vehicles that followed the Queen's coffin also included The Rev Kenneth MacKenzie, Minister of Crathie Church near Balmoral, and the Earl of Dalhousie, the Lord Steward of the Royal Household and one of the Queen's most senior ceremonial officials.

As the cortege drove past the flower-covered verge where members of the Royal family had been in tears reading the public's messages the day before, it stuck to the 15mph speed limit imposed by Prince Philip, and enforced with a road sign, to protect the red squirrels that live all around.

Special bus services had been laid on to take mourners from Braemar and Ballater to Balmoral itself, and as they stood behind a wooden fence, the first members of the public to see Her Majesty's coffin, some bowed their heads while others just stared, fixing the image in their memory.

As the cortege crossed the River Dee and turned east towards Aberdeen, there was no clapping, no throwing of flowers, just a quiet, dignified acceptance that the woman who had reigned over them and for almost a century lived among them was leaving Balmoral for the very last time.



Crowds gather along the Royal Mile to pay tribute as the cortege arrives in Edinburgh, left; the six-hour journey from Balmoral saw it pass through the village of St Madoes near Perth, top, over the Queensferry Crossing, above, and along the A83 near Crathes in Aberdeenshire, right, where farmers formed a guard of honour with their tractors and combine harvesters



Royal trouper Anne delivers in hour of need

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The Princess Royal might have been a Daddy's girl but her devotion to her mother proves invaluable

As her only daughter and someone who shares her love of horses – as well as her devotion to duty – the Princess Royal had always been one of Queen Elizabeth's closest confidantes.

Although regarded as something of a "Daddy's girl", thanks to her closeness, and likeness to her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Anne swiftly became the one member of the Royal family upon whom Queen Elizabeth could always rely.

In accompanying her late mother's coffin on the six-hour journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh yesterday, the 72-year-old once again lived up to her

reputation as a royal trouper who always goes the extra mile.

Accompanied by Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, her husband of nearly 30 years, the Princess followed the hearse carrying the late Queen's coffin, draped in the Royal Standard and a wreath of flowers taken from her beloved Balmoral estate.

In addition to taking part in yesterday's events in Duthie Park, Aberdeen, and Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, as well as today's procession to St Giles' Cathedral, Anne will also be entrusted with accompanying her mother's coffin on the one-hour RAF flight back to London tomorrow evening.

The grandmother of five, who appeared tearful as she joined her children Peter Phillips and Zara Tindall to inspect the floral tributes on Saturday, will have been well used to the local geography as the funeral cortege snaked its way through the Scottish Highlands to Aberdeen, before turning south to Edinburgh.

Like her late mother, the Princess Royal has always adored Scotland, where she married Sir Tim at Crathie

The Princess has built a reputation as someone who can carry out multiple engagements in a day and still have time to cram more duties into her evening schedule

Kirk in 1992, before honeymooning on Royal Deeside. As she once said: "Scotland is such a beautiful country with such passionate people, who could fail to want to be a part of it?"

Her love affair with the country began with childhood holidays at Balmoral but it was when, aged five, her mother took her to Portvoller, a village on the Isle of Lewis, that she became fascinated with lighthouses – later making it her life's mission to visit every one in the UK.

The Princess, who is patron of the Scottish Rugby Union, is as devoted to horseracing as her later mother. Prince Philip once famously said of his daughter: "If it doesn't fart or eat hay, she isn't interested." As such, she would regularly attend race meetings with Queen Elizabeth – as well as take an active interest in her mother's dogs and horses. The late Queen was so devoted to her animals that she requested a camera be rigged up in the stables at Sandringham so she could watch her horses give birth live.

She was always incredibly proud of Anne's equestrian achievements. After winning one gold medal in 1971 and

two silver medals in 1975 at the European Eventing Championships, the Princess became the first Royal to compete in the Olympic Games in 1976. When her children Peter Phillips and Zara Tindall inherited their mother's sporting prowess (Peter excelling in rugby and Zara winning the European World Eventing Championships as well as a team silver at London 2012), Queen Elizabeth used to take great pride in sharing the details with friends. She admired the way in which her daughter had shunned titles for her children and allowed them to make their own way – often telling others that Zara qualified as a physiotherapist and marvelling at the fact she had a HGV licence to drive her own horse box.

Queen Elizabeth appreciated the way her daughter, often dubbed the hardest-working member of the Royal family, would carry out more public appearances than any other royal, bar her brother Charles, with little fanfare.

Sharing her late mother's great energy, over the years the Princess Royal has built a reputation as someone who can carry out multiple engagements in a day and still have time to cram

Although she was never going to end up being queen, in leading Scotland in mourning today, Anne once again proves she is very much her mother's daughter

more duties into her evening schedule. Queen Elizabeth grew more dependent on her daughter in her later years, especially following the deaths of the Queen Mother and her sister, Princess Margaret, within months of each other in 2002. The pair got on so well because the Princess shared so many of her late father's traits: a love of the countryside, an intellectual curiosity about life, and an inability to suffer fools gladly.

Those gone before would have taken great comfort from the fact that Anne was at the late Queen's bedside during her final hours, along with the King.

In 2013, Queen Elizabeth oversaw a law change ending male preference or primogeniture. Although it was not applied retrospectively, the move to ensure that future royal daughters could not be surpassed in the line of succession by their younger brothers was seen as a gesture recognising Anne's contribution to "The Firm".

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Duke of York to join procession as family unites

Prince Andrew to play key role in mourning period during temporary return to public stage

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THE Duke of York will today join his siblings in a solemn procession behind Queen Elizabeth II's coffin as he prepares to play a central role in

national mourning. He will appear alongside the King, the Princess Royal and the Earl of Wessex at key moments in the coming days, as the family publicly unites in grief. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will also appear at any relevant events

involving the Queen's grandchildren and their spouses.

That any of them would have been excluded was "out of the question", a palace source said. "These plans will be signed off by the King in accordance with his mother's wishes."

At 2.35pm on Monday, the late Queen's coffin will be driven 1,200 yards along Edinburgh's Royal Mile from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to the 14th-century St Giles' Cathedral.

Her four children will follow, shoulder to shoulder, on foot, all seen together in public for the first time since her death. Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence will follow on foot, while the Queen Consort and the Countess of Wessex will travel by car.

At 2.55pm, the coffin, with the Crown of Scotland on top, will be carried into the cathedral ahead of a service of thanksgiving.

It will then rest for 24 hours to enable the people of Scotland to pay their last respects. Thousands are expected to queue in order to file past the coffin before it is taken by hearse to Edin-

burgh airport at 5pm tomorrow. Continuous vigils will be mounted by the Royal Company of Archers.

At 7.20pm, the King, the Princess Royal, the Duke of York and the Earl of Wessex will mount their own vigil, standing for a short time at the four corners of their mother's coffin.

The Duke of York, 62, was effectively sacked as a working royal in January after finding himself at the heart of one of the biggest royal scandals in recent memory, accused of raping and sexually abusing a young sex-trafficking victim.

Stripped of all royal titles and removed from virtually all facets of

Crowning touch Coffin to be adorned while lying at rest

When Queen Elizabeth II's coffin is taken to St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh today to lie at rest for 24 hours, it will be adorned with the Crown of Scotland.

The oldest of all the royal regalia is worn by the monarch at the State Opening of the Scottish



Parliament. It is made of solid gold and was created in 1540, meaning

it pre-dates the Union, after King James V of Scotland ordered

it to be refashioned from the previous crown. After the precious stones were removed it was melted down and an extra 41 ounces of Scottish gold was added before the 22 gemstones and 68 pearls were mounted. It weighs 3lbs 10oz (1.64kg).



The King and Queen arrived in separate cars at Buckingham Palace yesterday, waving to acknowledge the large crowds gathered to greet them. Below right, long queues had formed at the Palace to lay floral tributes to the late Queen Elizabeth II

The King, like his mother, will keep the Union unified

Alan Cochrane



Scale of the challenge will come as no surprise, but His Majesty has done much good work in Scotland

King Charles III has to face the fact that there will be some who will claim that the Union is now at risk because his mother is a hard act to follow. But he knows, too, that this view is seriously flawed for the simple reason that her love of Scotland was not an act. Her affection for the place and its people was entirely genuine.

Just as she did with a selfless devotion to service, he will accept that work must begin immediately to maintain the respect of a nation where in election after election, almost half the population vote for a party – the SNP – that wants to break up his United Kingdom.

There are already enough signs to suggest that the Union is in safe hands and that the new King can emulate his late mother by continuing to stall any momentum towards independence.

It will not be easy, given that – as a symbol of the task ahead – in her final Scottish journey from Balmoral Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, most of the miles undertaken by the cortege bearing the Queen's coffin were through constituencies held by the nationalists.

The scale of the challenge will not come as a surprise to Charles. The inexorable rise of the separatist movement in Scotland has been evident for much of his “apprenticeship”, most notably from the late 1960s onwards.

While it does not take a genius to work out his view on the issue, not for a second has he expressed – nor will he now express – his thoughts on the matter in public. On the contrary, he has taken the trouble to find out what lies at the heart of nationalism. While his mother's natural charm endeared her to leaders such as Alex Salmond and Nicola Sturgeon through their weekends at Balmoral, Charles sounded out other senior nationalists in his own way.

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister, and Roseanna Cunningham, former SNP environment minister – whose views on the monarchy can be summed up by her “Republican Rosie” nickname – have been among those invited over the years to spend time at Birkhall, Charles and Camilla's Deeside home adjacent to the Balmoral Estate. The atmosphere might well have been strained at times but these weekend trysts at least showed the then heir to the throne what he was up against.

For decades, he has shown that his way forward has been to concentrate on helping those young Scots who were desperate for a leg up in areas of high unemployment. In particular, his rescue and restoration of Dumfries House, in the depressed area of former coalfields in East Ayrshire, is a shining light of what can be done.

When it was put up for sale in 2007, the then Prince of Wales succeeded in assembling a consortium that raised £40 million – including £5 million

from Alex Salmond's SNP government – to buy the house and its contents. The purchase was so last minute that some of the furniture was already in removal vans, heading down the motorway until he stepped in.

But as well as saving a historic house and an important collection of furniture for the nation, under the direction of Charles, Dumfries House and its estate have become a centre for a wide range of training opportunities for young people and traditional skills and crafts, creating hundreds of jobs in an area of high unemployment.

It is a success that has not been lost on his critics. One businessman was told by an apprentice at Dumfries House: “If it wasn't for this place I'd probably be in Barlinnie [Scotland's toughest jail] by now.”

If this success story is a huge boon for southern Scotland, then a further rescue operation by the new King has occurred in the far north, again providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. In the aftermath of the death of his late grandmother, the Queen Mother, Charles took over the refurbishment and renovation of her Caithness home, the 16th century Castle of Mey, which is now owned by The Prince's Foundation.

These are examples of what is said to be his commitment to improving the lot of his subjects. Alex Neil, the former chief executive of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust and an ex-SNP Cabinet minister under Alex Salmond, commented: “There are many very worthwhile examples of what the King has done to help disadvantaged people in deprived areas.”

Nicola Sturgeon has offered her condolences to the King and spoken of her deep sense of sadness over his mother's death. While I have no wish to doubt the sincerity of such remarks, I can't have been the only one who detected more than a faint whiff of hypocrisy in the statements and demeanour of nationalist leaders. Alex Salmond's determination to be seen in the official photograph of the Privy Council in the ceremony surrounding the new King's succession being a case in point.

They may well have thoroughly enjoyed the company of the Queen during their regular meetings, including those weekends at Balmoral, but the fact remains that the bulk of the SNP's members and activists may be prepared to put up with the monarchy after independence – but only in the short term. The Party's official policy is to hold a referendum on whether Scotland should become a republic.

Personally, I was surprised – very pleasantly – that in Dundee, my home town, which has been a nationalist stronghold for 30 years, large crowds turned out to pay their respects to the late Queen as her cortege went past them.

From these astonishingly large crowds, everywhere lining the route from Braemar to Edinburgh, it is clear that opinions are changing. Queen Elizabeth II played a huge part in that King Charles's first duty is to continue that work.

But, as one veteran nationalist told me last night: “Anyone who thinks that they could get a republican vote in Scotland must be joking.”

“There's not a cat in hell's chance of that happening.”

Key role King's first engagement is ancient ritual

The King's first engagement in Edinburgh today will be the Ceremony of the Keys, weeks after Queen Elizabeth II took part in the ritual during her final visit to the city.

The tradition, which takes place every time the monarch officially arrives in the Scottish capital, sees the head of state offered the keys to Edinburgh and welcomed to “your ancient and hereditary kingdom of

Scotland” by the Lord Provost. Custom dictates that the keys are then handed back to the Lord Provost, with the monarch declaring there can be no-one better to keep them safe.

The late Queen was pictured smiling during the ritual at Holyrood Palace, the official Royal residence, on June 27. Her coffin was brought to the Palace from Balmoral yesterday.



royal life, he had, until now, been frozen out of public life.

Even during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, he was only meant to attend one event, the service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, but otherwise hidden away behind closed doors, forced to watch the festivities on television. In the event, he was struck down with Covid and was not seen at all.

Both the King and the Prince of Wales have indicated that the Duke will have no formal role during their reigns.

But there was never a suggestion that he would be shunned from any part of the public mourning for the late Queen.

The Duke was incredibly close to his mother, who, aside from his ex-wife Sarah, Duchess of York, has proved his biggest champion during the last few years. He is understood to have spent an enormous amount of time with her recently, often making the short journey from his home, Royal Lodge, to Windsor Castle most days.

When news of the Queen's sudden deterioration came through on Thursday morning, the Duke rushed to

RAF Northolt, where he joined Prince Edward, the Countess of Wessex and Prince William to fly to Scotland.

It is not yet known whether they were aware, before take-off, that they would not make it to Balmoral before she died.

The Duke remained behind closed doors on Thursday night with his siblings, as well as Prince William and Prince Harry. While the two younger princes left, separately, on Friday morning, the family was later joined by Zara Tindall and Peter Phillips, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.

The Duke of York led the family on Saturday as they gathered for a small private service at Crathie Kirk before walking across the River Dee to inspect floral tributes at the gates of the Aberdeenshire estate.

He waved to onlookers, thanking them for their support, and also consoled his daughters as they struggled to keep their emotions in check.

Similarly, the family is aware that this is not the moment to leave the Duke and Duchess of Sussex out in the cold.

Differences will be set aside and the couple included in all relevant ceremonial events, just as the late Queen had wanted for the “much loved” members of her family.

The King made this clear on Saturday, when he said in his first televised address to the nation: “I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas.”

Should doubts have remained, the Prince of Wales's invitation for the Sussexes to join him and the Princess of Wales for a walkabout in Windsor on Saturday reinforced the point.

It is thought that the late Queen's four children will take part in a second procession on Wednesday, as the coffin is taken by horse-drawn carriage from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.

They could mount a second vigil at her coffin at Westminster Hall, where she will lie in state for four days.

Her grandchildren may take part in a vigil next Sunday, the evening before her funeral.

Andrew will be expected to retreat under royal radar after prominent role in public grieving

By Camilla Tominey

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The Duke of York may have been granted a temporary reprieve to mourn his beloved mother – but he remains persona non grata as far as the Firm is concerned.

While Buckingham Palace is willing to accommodate his presence at both Monday's state funeral and the events leading up to it, once Queen Elizabeth II has been finally laid to rest there is little hope of a comeback.

When his mother was alive there was more tolerance for the royal described by some as her “favourite” son. Despite stepping down from public life in disgrace in November 2019 over his relationship with convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein,

the Duke, 62, played a prominent role in accompanying the former monarch to the Duke of Edinburgh's memorial service in March. It was his first public appearance since he paid an undisclosed sum to settle a civil sex abuse case in the US brought by Virginia Giuffrè, one of Epstein's victims. He has denied the allegations.

The move was taken as a sign that the Duke still had maternal support – although his absence from her subsequent Platinum Jubilee celebrations owing to Covid three months later solved a conundrum for the palace, who were fearful he would prove an unwelcome distraction.

It is no secret that Andrew is not particularly close to his brother – and having helped to orchestrate his permanent exit from royal life along

with the Prince of Wales, it's always been thought that the Duke has no future in Charles III's slimmed-down monarchy.

Yes, he may have conducted himself with decorum as he joined members of the Royal family to inspect the floral tributes at Balmoral. In a show of family unity, he was photographed hugging Princess Eugenie when she was moved to tears by the messages – and was later seen arm in arm with his sister-in-law the Countess of Wessex. And he may have inherited his late mother's beloved dogs.

But while he will join his siblings in playing a prominent role in the coming days – and walking behind Queen Elizabeth's coffin – once it is all over, he will be expected to retreat back to a life lived well under the royal radar.



The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, prepares for communion at a special service at Canterbury Cathedral, left; the first deacons of the reign of Charles III are ordained at Exeter Cathedral, above; a service in memory of the late Queen at Salisbury Cathedral, right; the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Rev Toby Howarth, with worshippers at an inter-faith service in the city



‘She taught us more about grace than

Archbishop of Canterbury pays tribute to late Queen ‘who had ability to make everyone seem special’

By Martin Evans

QUEEN ELIZABETH II was the “most wonderful example of a Christian life” and “had the ability to see the value of people as God sees them”, the Archbishop of Canterbury has said.

Delivering a sermon at Canterbury Cathedral, the Most Rev Justin Welby told the congregation that the late Queen had the capacity to make someone feel as if they were the only person in the room.

But he said the new King also shared

that ability and like his late mother was able to help people find healing by simply listening to them.

The Archbishop had not been due to take yesterday’s service, but explained it was an “unexpectedly extraordinary Sunday”.

He told worshippers the late monarch had “transcended cultures, languages and nations”, adding that her loss would have left people “navigating their way around the raw and ragged edges of grief”.

Mr Welby told the congregation: “In her life and her example, God gave us – so graciously – the most wonderful example of a Christian life and a Christian death.

“Her late Majesty taught as much, if not more, about God and grace than any other contemporary figure. We remem-

‘Thank you, Ma’am, for everything’ Why Paddington Bear has played a role in tributes

The late Queen’s teatime encounter with Paddington Bear was one of the most memorable moments of her Platinum Jubilee. In the sketch, Paddington produces a marmalade sandwich which he explains he always keeps for emergencies. “So do I,” Queen Elizabeth II

responds as she fishes out a marmalade sandwich from her handbag. The encounter has become one of the symbols of tributes to the late Queen. In the days following the Queen’s death, Paddington Bear and marmalade sandwiches have come to symbolise the



Bear hug: a Paddington toy left as a tribute

country’s affection for her. It is a poignant tribute to the monarch and her dry sense of humour. Well-wishers have left marmalade sandwiches and bears among the floral tributes at palaces across the country. One sandwich was wrapped in clingfilm, with a

brief message: “For later! xxx”. Another – simply labelled “marmalade sandwich” – has been put in a brown paper bag next to a red rose. A third was left at Balmoral in a Ziplock bag, with a simple message that reads: “A marmalade sandwich for your journey, Ma’am”. David Millward

ber her not for what she had, but for what she gave.”

He added: “Those who met Her Majesty were always struck by her ability to make them feel as though they were the most important, the only person in the room, the only person in the street, in the crowd.

“King Charles III has the same ability to see the value of each person as God sees them. That is his conscious understanding of people.”

The Archbishop recalled seeing the King on a visit to the Lady Chapel in Liverpool Cathedral, where he met the families of police officers who had died, including a widow with young children.

“By the time the then-Prince of Wales – His Majesty – had done the rounds, he’d talked to everyone in that chapel and every person there, and I quote that



‘Overnight queues’ to file past late Queen’s coffin

Those wishing to pay their respects will have to stick to the guidance, which includes sombre dressing

By Daniel Martin
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

MEMBERS of the public wishing to pay their respects to the late Queen have been warned they could have to queue overnight to file past her coffin.

Queen Elizabeth II will lie in state in the Palace of Westminster from 5pm on Wednesday evening until 6.30am on the day of her funeral on Monday.

Her coffin will be placed on a raised platform, called a catafalque, in Westminster Hall – the oldest part of Parliament – and the public will be able to walk past 24 hours a day.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected and all those attending the lying in state will have to go through airport-style security. Only one small bag per person will be allowed.

Guidance published last night said: “Please note that the queue is expected to be very long ... you will need to stand for many hours, possibly overnight, with very little opportunity to sit down, as the queue will keep moving.

“Please consider this before you decide to attend or bring children with you,” it adds.

The Metropolitan Police will be on alert with 10,000 officers set to be deployed over the coming days while 1,500 soldiers will be available for crowd control support.

Those wishing to pay their respects are urged to bring umbrellas, warm clothing or sunscreen, depending on the weather. They should also take a power bank to charge their phone, and food and drink to consume en route, although they will not be allowed to take it into the Hall with them.

And attendees are told to dress in a sombre fashion. Anyone with political slogans on their clothes will be turned away.

Westminster Hall was built in 1097 by William I, and its impressive hammerbeam roof dates from the reign of Richard II at the end of the 14th century.

The tradition of the lying in state of the monarch began in 1910, when Edward VII was the first to lie in state in Westminster Hall. The most recent was the Queen Mother, who lay in state in the Hall in 2002, after she died aged 101. It is said more than 200,000 mourners came to pay their respects to her in a

queue that snaked its way along the southern bank of the Thames before crossing at Lambeth Bridge.

The Government announced last night that ahead of the lying in state, a ceremonial procession will take place on Wednesday afternoon that will see Queen Elizabeth’s coffin travel from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.

The procession will travel via Queen’s Gardens, The Mall, Horse Guards and Horse Guards Arch, Whitehall, Parliament Street, Parliament Square and New Palace Yard, thereby allowing many more people to line the route and pay their respects.

Members of the public will be able to watch the procession in person at ceremonial viewing areas along the route, or at a screening site in Hyde Park. These sites will open at 11am, with people admitted in order of arrival time.

At the lying in state, the late Queen’s closed coffin will rest on the catafalque, and will be draped in the Royal Standard with the Orb and Sceptre placed on top. Each corner of the platform will be guarded around the clock by a vigil of units from the Sovereign’s Bodyguard, the Household Division, or Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London.

Last night’s guidance states: “Large crowds are expected, and there are

‘You will need to stand for many hours, possibly overnight, with little opportunity to sit down’

likely to be delays on public transport and road closures around the area. You should check ahead, plan accordingly and be prepared for long queues.

“Only one small bag per person is permitted,” the guidance said. The bag must be smaller than 40cm x 30cm x 20cm, with one simple opening or zip to help speed up the security bag check. Large bags can be left at a drop facility, but it has little capacity.

Prohibited items, which will be confiscated before entry, include folding chairs, sleeping bags, hampers, cameras and flags.

Flowers and other tribute items such as candles, soft toys and photographs are also not allowed. Banners, placards, and advertising and marketing messages are banned.

People are told not to bring or erect gazebos or tents, or to light barbecues and fires.

They should not attempt to queue on behalf of others or ask others to queue on your behalf. Only those given wristbands at the end of the queue will be able to stay in the queue.

People should bring food and drinks to consume in the queue, as there will be limited places to buy refreshments on the route, the advice states. Food and drink must be consumed before going through security barriers, and water bottles emptied.

It suggests: “You are likely to be in the queue for a long time, so consider bringing a small portable power bank to use if you need to charge your phone.”

On conduct, the document tells people they must remain silent while inside the Palace of Westminster, with their phones on silent mode. Filming inside the Hall will be banned.

It added: “The queue may close early to ensure as many visitors as possible can enter the Palace before the lying in state period comes to an end.

“Step-free and accessible options are available for those who need them.”

Travel plans What to consider

Mourners hoping to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her funeral have been told to visit either London or Windsor, as they won’t be able to travel to both.

The Rail Delivery Group said it will work hard to ensure the public can travel to London during the mourning period, but warned that trains and stations

are likely to be extremely busy.

People have been urged to carefully plan the timing of their journeys over the coming week, especially on the day of the funeral, with the RDG warning “it will not be possible to view both the funeral in London and travel to Windsor, where Her Majesty the Queen will be laid to rest”.

New Met chief has to put reforms on hold

By Martin Evans
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE new Metropolitan Police Commissioner’s plans to “hit the ground running” by announcing a radical package of Scotland Yard reforms today have had to be put on hold because of the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Sir Mark Rowley had been expected to set out his vision for how he intends to restore trust and confidence in the force, while driving down crime in the capital.

The plan was thought to include a new back-to-basics approach with more officers on the beat and a renewed emphasis on tackling burglary, robbery and antisocial behaviour.

He was also expected to announce he would root out racism, misogyny and corruption in the ranks by bolstering the Met’s department of professional standards.

But following the death of Queen Elizabeth on Thursday, the announcements have been put on ice while the Met focuses on managing the period of mourning and policing the state funeral next Monday.

Sir Mark was appointed Commissioner after impressing Priti Patel, the former Home Secretary, with a plan to

start driving through reform within his first 100 days in office. Scotland Yard is facing one of the most difficult periods in its history as it struggles to recover from a series of devastating scandals.

The murder of Sarah Everard by a serving Met officer, the jailing of two others for taking photographs of murder victims Nicole Smallman and Bibba Henry, and the racism scandal at Charing Cross police station are just some of the issues that have shattered the Met’s reputation.

But friends of Sir Mark, who is a former assistant commissioner in the Met, insist he is not daunted by the task and is confident he has the reforming agenda necessary to repair the damage.

One of his first jobs will be to appoint a new top team at Scotland Yard who, along with acting deputy commissioner Dame Lynne Owens, will help steer the force through the challenging years ahead.

Another pressing issue he will have to deal with is the fallout from last week’s shooting by armed police of an unarmed black man in south London.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct has announced that it has launched a homicide investigation following the death of Chris Kaba in Lambeth.



THEY / BACKGROUD: GARETH FULLER; FINIANE WINTER; ASADUJIB GUSELAIN

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young widow, felt they mattered uniquely and found healing.”

He also described how, during a lunch, the late Queen had spent 20 minutes talking to a Rwandan woman, whose entire family had been wiped out in the genocide.

Reflecting on how the woman felt after the conversation, the Archbishop said: “When I spoke to her later, she said there was healing.”

He added: “Both Her late Majesty and His Majesty treat others as special because, for both, their faith is built on the same rock – the rock of Christ.”

His sermon also touched on what he said was the late Queen’s ability to show “wisdom and reconciliation”, citing her visit to the Republic of Ireland in 2011.

He said: “Her Majesty chose quite literally to extend the hand of friendship

‘Her loss would have left people navigating their way around the raw and ragged edges of grief’

to Martin McGuinness, despite their differences and painful history – history that was very personal for the Queen after the death of her beloved uncle Lord Mountbatten as a result of an IRA attack in 1979.

“She was able to offer her hand because she knew that, ultimately, we are all equal before God.”

Concluding his sermon, the Archbishop said: “This is a moment of deep grief, indeed. As Her Majesty said herself, grief is the price we pay for love.

“But that love has in it the reality of hope that can lift heavy hearts, heal wearied spirits, for it is love that originates in God.

“All that is lost will be found again, as surely as Christ Jesus was raised from the dead and defeated death.

“And he will gather us all together in

heaven on the glorious day of resurrection, where in a different context, as Her late Majesty once said to us in difficult times, we will meet again.”

The service concluded with the national anthem, with the Archbishop gently reminding the congregation of the change in words.

In other cathedrals and churches around the country services took place to reflect on the life of the late Queen.

Worshippers at the church she attended near Balmoral heard how she might have urged those grieving to find comfort in the “message of faith and hope” in Psalm 23 – understood to be her favourite.

A few dozen people attended the first Sunday service at Crathie Kirk since the Queen’s death, which took place after her coffin departed Balmoral.

‘Those who met Her Majesty were always struck by her ability to make them feel as though they were the most important person in the room’

King prepares to speak in Westminster Hall before first tour of the UK as head of state

Monarch will receive condolences from both chambers and give speech – as Elizabeth II did in 2012

By Daniel Martin
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THE King will today address MPs and peers in Westminster Hall a decade after his mother did the same.

His Majesty will accept addresses of condolence from the House of Lords and the House of Commons, before making a speech himself in the historic 11th-century building.

In 2012, the Queen spoke to MPs and peers in the same location on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. It was the fifth time she had delivered an address in the ancient edifice.

On Wednesday, her body will arrive

in Westminster Hall to lie in state before her funeral, as did both her father George VI and the Queen Mother before her. The last time Charles attended in Parliament was in May, when he stood in for the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament.

Now King, he will speak to MPs and peers at 10am this morning, in the very building where his predecessor Charles I was sentenced to death following the English Civil War.

He will be accompanied by Camilla, the Queen Consort.

The Speakers of both Houses – Sir Lindsay Hoyle for the Commons and Lord McFall for the Lords – will present letters of condolence, to which the King will respond. MPs and peers, plus members of the legislatures of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will attend.

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Northern Ireland. On Tuesday, the King and Queen will carry out engagements in Hillsborough Castle in Co Down, Northern Ireland.

The royal couple will receive a message of condolence from the Speaker of the Stormont Assembly on behalf of the people of Northern Ireland, before travelling to St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast to attend a service of reflection for the life of the Queen.

Downing Street clarified yesterday that Liz Truss would be attending services of reflection in all three nations, and would not be “accompanying” the King at all times on the tour.

The address of condolence from the House of Commons, presented by Sir Lindsay, will convey MPs' sympathy for the “great sorrow which he has sustained by the death of the late Queen”.

It also expresses MPs' “loyalty to him and our conviction that he will strive to uphold the liberties and to promote the

happiness of the people in all his realms now and in the years to come”.

A similar address will be presented by the Lords Speaker, Lord Fall, which expresses peers' “loyalty to His Majesty's Royal Person, and our firm conviction that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, His Majesty will, throughout His Reign, further the happiness and protect the liberties of all His peoples in all His Realms”.

Famous leaders who have addressed the two Houses in Westminster Hall include Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela and Pope Benedict XVI.

Elizabeth II first addressed both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall in 1977, as part of her Silver Jubilee.

Her speech caused some controversy as she warned against devolution in Scotland and Wales, saying: “I cannot forget that I was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Perhaps this Jubilee

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is a time to remind ourselves of the benefits which union has conferred, at home and in our international dealings, on the inhabitants of all parts of this United Kingdom.”

The late Queen spoke there again in 1988 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution which overthrew James II and ushered in the era of constitutional monarchy.

The Queen addressed MPs and peers in Westminster Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe in 1995, and seven years later she spoke as part of her Golden Jubilee.

In 2012, she addressed both Houses to mark her Diamond Jubilee, when Parliamentarians subscribed to a new window to be installed in Westminster Hall in her honour.

She said: “Should this beautiful window cause just a little extra colour to shine down upon this ancient place, I should gladly settle for that.”

Crowds drown out hecklers at Royal Mile proclamation

By Simon Johnson, Catherine Lough and Helen Chandler-Wilde

WITH republican sentiment common among the ranks of Scottish nationalists, perhaps it was unsurprising that the official proclamation of Charles III as King was not universally welcomed on the streets of Edinburgh.

But when hecklers booed a rendition of *God Save the King* they were soon put in their place by the overwhelming majority of the crowd that turned out to hear the historic declaration.

They drowned out the anti-monarchists with hearty cheers that reverberated around the Royal Mile and made clear that Scotland was as proud of its new King as any part of the UK.

The crowd's cheers for the new monarch grew louder while the declarations of “God Save the King” seemed to swell in volume from both the crowd and the stone pulpit at the Mercat Cross, from which the proclamation was read.

One critic was given short shrift, with members of the crowd retorting: “Oh, shut up.” Some muttered that the hecklers should “show some respect”.

The incident happened near St Giles' Cathedral, where the Queen's coffin will be moved today for a service.

Ann Hamilton, 48, from Dumfries, who was in the crowd, said: “For them to be here, heckling through things, I think it was terrible.

“If they were so against it, they shouldn't have come. Once everyone was singing *God Save the King* with their full voices, it was drowning them out.”

In Edinburgh, the Lord Lyon King of Arms read the proclamation of the new King at midday while in Belfast, the Norroy and Ulster King of Arms did the same at Hillsborough Castle.

Sinn Féin did not send representatives to the ceremony, with the party stating it was “intended for those whose political allegiance is to the Crown”.

In Cardiff, the proclamation was read in English and then in Welsh by Wales Herald of Arms Extraordinary, Tom Lloyd, and the Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Morfudd Meredith, at Cardiff Castle.

A second proclamation to “the people of Edinburgh” took place at the city castle shortly afterwards, along with a 21-gun military salute.

A 22-year-old woman was arrested ahead of the Royal Mile proclamation after holding aloft a sign that said: “F--- imperialism, abolish monarchy.”

Police officers appeared behind her and took her away, prompting the crowd to applaud.

The proclamations followed a ceremony at St James's Palace in London on Saturday when the King was confirmed as the new monarch before the Accession Council.



Lance Corporal Shenkin IV, the official regimental mascot goat, accompanies the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Welsh Regiment at the proclamation of the King at Cardiff Castle

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Cameron gave practice on how to conduct PM meetings

By Daniel Martin
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DAVID CAMERON has revealed he held audiences with King Charles while his mother was on the throne because the then Prince of Wales wanted to learn how they were carried out.

The former prime minister said that while he was in office, the meetings were held so the Prince could prepare for when he, as sovereign, would hold weekly sessions with the premier.

Mr Cameron, the prime minister

from 2010 to 2016, told the BBC that he believed King Charles would make a “brilliant” monarch and a “very worthy successor” to the Queen.

Gordon Brown said King Charles would oversee a move towards a slimmed-down, more Scandinavian-style monarchy.

“I think that what Prince Charles has already indicated is that the monarchy is going to be smaller,” he told the BBC's *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg*.

“It's going to be more like a Scandinavian monarchy in the future, but not in

a bad way – more informal. He stopped as he entered Buckingham Palace and talked to people in the crowd, and that was a signal that he was sending that he wanted people to feel that he was approachable.”

Theresa May said: “If you look at the Royal family, they have been steadily evolving a different approach, a different way of doing things over time and I am sure King Charles will continue to take that forward.

“Of course, he is a different person and he may want to change things in some ways, but I think, critically, as the Queen did, any change in the way things are done would be done gradually and very carefully.”

The three former prime ministers made their comments in interviews with Laura Kuenssberg, which were broadcast yesterday.

Mr Cameron said: “I had audiences with Prince Charles when Queen Elizabeth II was on the throne because he wanted to start thinking about how to conduct those audiences.

“From what I saw he will be brilliant at that job.

“Brilliant at listening, brilliant at asking questions, giving wise advice and sage counsel.

“This has probably been the longest apprenticeship in history.”

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King was a “superb diplomat”, adding: “I saw him in action at Commonwealth heads of government meetings and he knows everybody personally, he interacts with them brilliantly.

“The soft power that the British monarch brings to help a prime minister and a government with all those international relations, it was obviously outstanding under Queen Elizabeth II.

“I think you will see Charles III will be a very worthy successor in that regard.” Mr Cameron described how he had to apologise to the Queen after revealing details of one of their private conversations.

Microphones picked up the then prime minister recounting how the Queen “purred” down the telephone when he informed her of the result of the 2014 Scottish independence referendum.

Mr Cameron said: “It was a very upfront and fulsome apology done very quickly at the beginning of an audience. I think that is all I should say.

“From ever onwards I have been more careful when cameras and microphones are around and I have learned my lesson.”

Asked if the Queen had told him off, Mr Cameron replied: “Obviously everything said at those meetings is entirely private.”

Mr Brown admitted he could be left

“embarrassed” during meetings with the Queen, revealing the former monarch was often better informed about current affairs than he was.

He recalled how the Queen questioned “why have these bankers got it all wrong” in 2008, when the financial crash led to the UK entering recession.

The 71-year-old Mr Brown, who was prime minister between 2007 and 2010, told how Elizabeth II “actually knew better about what was happening to the country” than he did during his time in Number 10.

The former Labour leader said: “She would listen, she would ask questions. “She would be endlessly knowledgeable about everything happening in the Commonwealth.

“I was very embarrassed one day because I went in to see her at six o'clock, I didn't know that one of the Commonwealth leaders had been ousted and a new government had been formed.

“She was telling me what was happening when I was supposed to report to her.”

Mr Brown stressed that the Queen would “never impose her will” on the prime minister.

“This is the modern monarchy and I think she set the tone for what King Charles and the other monarchs will do,” he said.

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The carefully choreographed appearance on the Long Walk at Windsor on Saturday was designed to put on a united front, but deep-seated problems still exist at the heart of the relationship between the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Sussexes

Truce but no reconciliation as Royal family braces for Harry's tell-all memoir

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Their united front in memory of their beloved grandmother touched hearts, but may not last

Reunited in sorrow, it was the moment the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex put their differences aside in honour of their beloved "Grannie".

Appearing alongside their wives, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Sussex, for their first joint appearance since that Oprah Winfrey interview two years ago, they went on a remarkable royal walkabout that was supposed to pave the road to reconciliation. But with the spectre of Prince Harry's tell-all memoirs hanging like a Sword of Damocles over the House of Windsor, a question mark remains over whether this is just a temporary truce or the beginnings of a more abiding amnesty.

For, while some may have taken the scenes in Windsor's Long Walk on Saturday evening as a sign of rekindled relations between the estranged royal brothers, a full rapprochement still

seems a long way off. "Time-limited" is the phrase circulating behind palace walls to describe William's extraordinary gesture to Harry and Meghan.

As a senior source has already confirmed: "The Prince of Wales thought it was an important show of unity at an incredibly difficult time for the family."

The olive branch was designed to change the narrative from one of a royal rift to a story of a family unified by a nation in mourning.

Dismayed by some of the coverage focusing on Harry and Meghan's movements on the day Queen Elizabeth died, rather than the magnitude of her passing, William, 40, resolved to make contact with his brother and sister-in-law.

"Both he and the Princess of Wales felt that the focus should solely be on this period of deep mourning and nothing else," revealed an insider. "That the focus should only be on his late grandmother."

Agreeing that, above all, family should come first, Harry resolved to swallow his pride and allow his elder brother to take the lead, even conceding to being driven by William in the back of a blacked-out Audi.

Doubts have been cast on reports that King Charles intervened to stop Meghan boarding the Cessna Harry chartered from Luton airport to fly him

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to Aberdeen on Thursday. The truth, according to one palace source, is that "Harry hadn't even been called" by the time William boarded his own private jet to Scotland with the Duke of York and the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

This was because the heir to the throne had initially been summoned by his father in his constitutional capacity as a Counsellor of State.

It seems while the family knew Queen Elizabeth was gravely ill when they took off from RAF Northolt on Thursday lunchtime, they did not expect her to deteriorate so rapidly. The then Prince of Wales even thought he and his elder son might be able to host the virtual Privy Council meeting she had postponed the previous day.

It was only after Buckingham Palace had announced that "concerned" doctors had placed the Queen under medical supervision that the Duke of Sussex made the dash to Balmoral.

Meghan stayed behind after it emerged that Kate would not be accompanying William, preferring instead to break the news of the death of "Gan Gan" to Prince George, nine, Princess Charlotte, seven, and four-year-old Prince Louis following their first day at Lambrook School.

A suggestion, widely circulated on Twitter, that William took action after discovering Harry and Meghan were planning to stage their own Windsor walkabout and had asked a US TV

network to film it, is also wide of the mark. William extended the eleventh hour invitation simply to put on a united front – and Harry accepted it in the same spirit.

The move took the Sussexes, who were having some downtime at Frogmore Cottage, completely by surprise, however, not least as until that moment, there had been little interaction with William and Kate, despite them only living 400 yards away at Adelaide Cottage.

Although Harry spent Thursday night at Balmoral, he was the first to leave the following morning while his older brother did not depart until lunchtime.

The Prince, who yesterday spoke to Mark Drakeford, the First Minister of Wales, by telephone, said he and his wife hold "deep affection" for the country, having made their first home on Anglesey as a family with the baby Prince George.

The call was the Prince's first duty with his new title, which was confirmed by his father the King during his address to the nation on Friday.

A spokesman for Kensington Palace said that the Prince and Princess "look forward to travelling to Wales very soon".

King Charles is to visit Wales next week to attend a service of thanksgiving for the late Queen.

As one source explained: "It's quite hard to spend too much time with someone you know is about to publish

Wales visit 'very soon'
A pledge to serve country

The new Prince and Princess of Wales are to visit Wales "very soon", they have promised, as they pledge to serve its people with "great humility and respect".

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a tell-all book about you." Another added: "The general reaction to Harry and Meghan's behaviour has been one of incredulity."

The manuscript for the "definitive account" of Harry's "experiences, adventures, losses, and life lessons" has reportedly been completed and signed off by lawyers after being submitted by its ghostwriter, JR Moehringer. It was due out in the autumn but was delayed to land in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas gift market.

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Finding common ground is clearly going to be a key theme of this week – which could prove pivotal when it comes to bridging the royal divide that has built up since the "Megxit" saga began in March 2020.

In expressing his love for Harry and Meghan in his first King's Speech, the new monarch has made it clear that he doesn't want the start of his reign to be beset by the problems which plagued the end of the Elizabethan era.

As they prepare to bury their beloved grandmother, now might be the time that William and Harry decide life is too short to walk on such different paths.

Coronation for the cost of living crisis as King expresses wish for ‘good value’

Stone of Scone to be moved to Westminster, but other aspects of ceremony will be scaled back

By Hayley Dixon and Gurpreet Narwan

KING CHARLES III will be crowned in a “cost of living” coronation next year in reflection of his vision for a slimmed-down monarchy.

The King is not expected to be crowned until next year, and his Coronation will be designed in line with his vision for a smaller, more modern monarchy.

The King will be crowned alongside his Queen Consort, with Queen Elizabeth II having expressed her wish for the former Duchess of Cornwall to take the title during her Platinum Jubilee celebrations this year.

It is expected that the ceremony will take place next spring or summer and could even take place on the same day as his mother’s – June 2. Next year will be the 70th anniversary of the late Queen’s Coronation.

Meanwhile, the Stone of Scone will be moved from Edinburgh Castle to London for the Coronation. The symbol of Scotland’s monarchy was used in the anointment of Scottish kings for centuries, before Edward I of England had it removed in 1296 and built into a new throne in Westminster Abbey.

When Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953 at Westminster Abbey, her throne sat above the stone, also known as the Stone of Destiny, but it was returned to Scotland on St Andrew’s Day in 1996.

Although no date has yet been announced for the Coronation, a spokesman for Historic Environment Scotland (HES) confirmed: “HES staff will move the Stone of Destiny to Westminster Abbey in advance of the Coro-

400

The approximate number of gemstones, including rubies, garnets and sapphires, in the St Edward’s Crown

nation and then return it to Scotland.” The service is the only remaining religious coronation in Europe. By convention, palace aides insist that details of the Coronation of a successor are not discussed in advance out of respect for the reigning monarch.

It is also unlikely that the ceremony will be at the forefront of the King’s mind as he mourns his mother.

But plans have been drawn up under the codename Operation Golden Orb. Because of the late Queen’s age, discussions have been ongoing for a number of years.

Sources have said that it will be shorter, smaller, less expensive and more representative of different faiths and community groups.

The King is also said to have expressed a wish that it reflects the ethnic diversity of modern Britain.

Queen Elizabeth II was crowned 16 months after the death of her father, George VI. It was a moment of national celebration, which cheered a nation that was still in the grip of post-war austerity and rationing.

The Palace will want the new King’s Coronation to be a similarly joyous moment, and so will want to give the nation time to mourn.

It will include the coronation oath required by statute and many of the ceremonies which were seen in his mother’s service, such as anointing with consecrated oil, the delivery of the orb and the enthroning.

Like Queen Elizabeth, the King will be crowned with the St Edward’s Crown, which is made of solid gold and has more than 400 gemstones, including rubies, garnets, sapphires.

More than 8,000 guests representing 129 nations travelled to Westminster Abbey for the 1953 coronation. It was so packed that the dignitaries were accommodated on makeshift benches.

In contrast, and reflecting the health and safety considerations of the mod-



ern age, guests at next year’s Coronation will be limited to a maximum of 2,000. Commonwealth leaders and a diversity of religions will be prioritised among the congregation.

Sources have said that the service will be “far shorter” than the three hours for Queen Elizabeth, not least because the new King is 73.

It is believed that with his mother’s blessing he had changed his coronation vows a number of years ago to include “Queen Camilla”, but it was only announced this year.

The change was said to have been made during a wider rewriting of the service to bring it up to date.

The Queen Consort will have the platinum and diamond crown made for

the Queen Mother’s coronation in 1937 placed on her head.

One of the 2,800 diamonds in the crown is the controversial Koh-i-Noor or “Mountain of Light” diamond which was given to Queen Victoria but which some claim was stolen from India.

The Queen Consort will become the first consort to be crowned since 1937, as Prince Philip, as a man, was not entitled.

After the ceremony, the King is expected to be seen on the balcony of Buckingham Palace alongside only the core Royal family. It is thought he may only be joined by his Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children.

The Government pays for the Coro-



The Coronation in 1953 was a glittering event that cheered post-war Britain. Left, the Stone of Scone, which will be moved to London for the King’s Coronation

nation and the King has reportedly expressed a wish that his service is considered “good value”.

According to a briefing document for Parliament on the Coronation: “On the death of the reigning monarch, the person entitled to succeed to the throne does so as soon as his or her predecessor dies, as summed up in the phrase: “The King is dead; long live the King!”. This is because of the “common law that the King never dies”.

A Coronation Committee, composed of privy counsellors, will be appointed to make the arrangements for the King’s Coronation.

But it is unlikely arrangements will begin before the end of a month of court mourning for the late Queen.

Countess’s tears betrayed the special bond she shared with ‘Mama’

Sophie and Queen Elizabeth sought solace in each other through periods of personal loss

By Martin Evans

When senior members of the Royal family inspected floral tributes at Balmoral, it was clear from their expressions of grief just how deeply the death of Queen Elizabeth II had affected them.

The Duke of York, the Earl of Wessex and the Princess Royal all appeared overwhelmed by the loss of their mother and by the outpouring of public sympathy.

But it was the Countess of Wessex whose tearful display of grief betrayed the extra special bond she shared with the monarch.

Often described as the “Queen’s favourite”, Sophie’s relationship with her flourished over the years with both women helping each other through periods of personal loss.

When the Countess’s own mother died in 2005, the Queen provided her with much needed support and solace.

Last year following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, it was Sophie to whom the Queen turned, with royal insiders describing her daughter-in-law as being like “a rock”.

Living just 10 miles away from Windsor Castle at Bagshot Park, the Countess would visit the Queen regularly, becoming the closest of confidantes.

When her busy diary did not allow her to visit in person, she made sure she spoke to the Queen by telephone daily.

Once coronavirus restrictions were eased, it was the Countess who would often join the Queen for walks around the Windsor estate.

The Countess was the first member of the Royal family to speak publicly about the death of Prince Philip, a sign – according to experts – of the level of trust and affection with which she had come to be regarded.

Their relationship became so close that Sophie began referring to the



The Countess of Wessex, and her 18-year-old daughter, Lady Louise Windsor, view the flowers left by the public outside Balmoral Castle

‘Their bond is very much like a mother and daughter and the feeling of love and respect is quite mutual’

Queen as “Mama”. Speaking after the Duke of Edinburgh died in April last year at the age of 99, one royal source emphasised the closeness of the bond between the pair.

“Sophie cherishes her relationship with the Queen and not only appreciates her guidance and wisdom throughout her own life, she is very protective of her.

“Their bond is very like a mother and daughter and the feeling of love and respect is quite mutual. It is very special,” the source said.

The pair were said to also share a number of common interests, including military history, a love of horses and a passion for the countryside.

The Countess has also become one of the hardest working but least fussy members of the Royal family.

She has become the patron to more than 70 charities and attends about 200 engagements across the country each year.

Sophie’s journey from middle class public relations girl, who worked on campaigns for Mr Blobby of Noel’s

House Party fame, and *Thomas the Tank Engine*, to one of the Royal family’s safest pair of hands has not always been smooth sailing.

In 2001, while still running her own public relations business, she was left deeply embarrassed when a sting operation by the *News of the World* captured her being indiscreet about politicians and other royals.

The following year she wound up her business interests, and, along with her husband, began to focus full-time on royal duties.

Regarded as hard-working and down to earth, the Countess is known to drive herself to and from events and engagements by car.

In 2015 the Queen showed her appreciation when she held a reception to mark the Earl and Countess’s 50th birthdays. The Countess’s role as trusted confidante to the monarch became even more important in recent years when Prince Andrew was forced to step back from royal duties and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex left Britain for a new life in North America.

And still they come Thousands of people continue to queue along the Long Walk at Windsor to lay flowers at the castle gates and pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II. However, mourners are being asked by the Royal Parks not to leave anything other than cards, labels and unwrapped flowers outside residences as other gifts could interfere with recycling.



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Queen’s beloved corgis to live with the Yorks

Muick and Sandy to stay at Windsor after the Duchess bonded with monarch over dog walking at Frogmore

By Victoria Ward
ROYAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of York and his former wife Sarah will take on Queen Elizabeth’s corgis after the Duchess “bonded” with the late monarch over dog walks, *The Daily Telegraph* can disclose.

The Duke, 62, gave his mother two dogs, Muick and Fergus, during lockdown last March in an attempt to cheer her up, when the Duke of Edinburgh was in hospital. The puppies had been found by the Duchess, who continues to live with the Duke at Royal Lodge, Windsor, despite their divorce in 1996.

Fergus died last May but it was replaced with another corgi, Sandy, who together with Muick brought “constant joy” to the late monarch.

Until recently, the Queen took her dogs for regular walks in the gardens at

Frogmore House on the Windsor estate, a place she found solace and once described as “wonderfully relaxing”.

A source said: “The Duchess bonded with Her Majesty over dog walking and riding horses and even after her divorce, she would continue her great friendship with Her Majesty, by walking the dogs in Frogmore and chatting.”

Last summer was the first in decades that the Duchess was invited to join the Royal family at Balmoral castle, an indication that she had been welcomed back into the fold.

She is also understood to have spent time with the Queen, the Duke and their two daughters, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, at Balmoral this summer.

The Duchess had been staying at Balmoral when *The Sun* published photographs of her having her toes sucked by businessman John Bryan in 1992.

Prince Philip is said to have refused to stay under the same roof as his former daughter-in-law ever since.

In a statement released on Thursday, the Duchess described her heartbreak at the Queen’s passing. “To me, she was



Queen Elizabeth II with some of her corgis walking the cross-country course at the Windsor Horse Trial in May 1980

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the most incredible mother-in-law and friend,” she said. “I will always be grateful to her for the generosity she showed me in remaining close to me even after my divorce. I will miss her more than words can express.”

The Queen had a lifelong, deep affection for corgis, having fallen in love with the breed as a child.

She owned more than 30 over the years, many of whom were direct descendants of the first, Susan, given to her as an 18th birthday present by her parents in 1944.

The then Princess Elizabeth had fallen in love with her father’s dog Dookie, a Pembroke corgi, and wanted one of her own.

In April 2018, she was left devastated when Willow, her final corgi descended from Susan, died.

Her two remaining dogs were dorgis, Candy and Vulcan, but Vulcan died in December 2020, leaving the monarch with just one dog, Candy.

She is said to have stopped breeding them several years ago as she did not want to leave any behind. However, she is said to have been delighted when

given two new puppies by Prince Andrew in early 2021, shortly before the Duke of Edinburgh’s death last April.

The puppies kept her entertained while her husband was in hospital and the Royal family dealt with the fallout from Megxit and the Sussexes’ Oprah interview.

Angela Kelly, her dresser, recently revealed they proved a “constant joy” for the monarch and “always brought a smile to everyone’s faces”.

The Queen named the dorgi Fergus after her uncle, who was killed in action during the First World War, and the corgi Muick – pronounced Mick – after Loch Muick on the Balmoral estate.

She was “devastated” when five-month-old Fergus died weeks later from a heart problem it had from birth, having “seen Her Majesty through a difficult time of loss and grief”, a source said at the time.

He was later replaced with Sandy, a new corgi puppy from Andrew, a gift to mark her official 95th birthday. Both Muick and Sandy will now return to live at Royal Lodge with the Yorks.

Eton faces criticism for playing football after FA cancels fixtures

By Ben Rumsby

ETON has been condemned for playing two football matches in defiance of the cancellation of all fixtures as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

The public school, where both the Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex studied, played host to Rossall School after games from the Premier League down to grassroots level were called off.

Photographs from Saturday’s matches emerged in a Twitter post from Rossall, a private boarding school in Lancashire.

It showed a minute’s silence taking place in honour of the late Queen before they kicked off.

The post was later deleted, as was one on both Facebook and Twitter recording a visit by Rossall’s footballers to Windsor Castle en route to nearby Eton.

Julian Knight MP, the chairman of the

digital, culture, media and sport select committee, said it was for individual sports to decide on postponements.

But he added: “It seems very strange that Eton choose to play on while millions across the country have been denied playing or watching games. This is a rather embarrassing episode for Britain’s most famous public school.”

Among those to criticise the decision to go ahead with the games was Peter Daly, who runs men’s football team Talking Toffees FC and an associated podcast.

He told *The Daily Telegraph*: “While kids up and down the country were unable to play football, it seems the same rules don’t apply for Eton.”

Eton said in a statement: “All at Eton College mourn the death of Her Majesty the Queen, remember with gratitude her extraordinary service and offer their deepest sympathy and condolences to the Royal family. The whole

school gathered together on Friday morning to pay their respects and chapel services were held.

“Two friendly football games were played with Rossall School on Saturday. “A minute’s silence was observed by players and spectators beforehand. These trial games formed part of the school’s pre-season training programme and it was understood they were not covered by the FA postponement as they were not FA fixtures.”

The Telegraph has been told the FA, the Independent Schools Football Association and the English Schools’ Football Association have no jurisdiction over such matches.

The cancellation of elite and grassroots football – and in particular youth matches – following the death of the late Queen has proven highly controversial.

The opposite decision was taken in rugby union, cricket and most other sports.

Jenkins was asked to change God Save the King to make it rhyme

By Victoria Ward
ROYAL CORRESPONDENT

KATHERINE JENKINS, who made the first recording of the national anthem after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, has revealed that the words to the song were changed to ensure that they rhymed.

The Welsh mezzo-soprano was recording a specially rewritten hymn for last night’s *Songs of Praise* on Friday morning when she was contacted by the BBC and asked if she would like to be the first person to sing *God Save the King* on the radio.

It was to be broadcast on Radio 4’s *The World at One* around two hours later.

The national anthem was very familiar to the 42-year-old but she admitted it would take particular concentration to switch the words Queen to King and sing “him” instead of “her”.

‘I ran it through in my head before I sang it so that I would think it, because naturally you sing “her”’

“I ran it through in my head before I went to sing it so that I would think it, because naturally you would sing ‘her,’” Jenkins told *The Daily Telegraph*.

“You know, this is a song I have sung hundreds and hundreds of times so it did require concentration.”

But there was another change in the lyrics.

The penultimate line of the second verse was changed from “To sing with heart and voice” to “With heart and voice to sing” so that it rhymed with the last line, “God Save the King”.

It seems unlikely, however, that the change will stick.

Aside from the fact that people rarely

sing the second verse, the official Royal family website has been updated in recent days to include the words to the new version of the anthem.

The end of the second verse reads: “May he defend our laws, And ever give us cause, To sing with heart and voice, God save the King.”

The website does acknowledge that there is no authorised version of the song, which in its present form dates back to the 18th century, as the words are a matter of tradition.

God Save the King has been enthusiastically sung repeatedly since the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, with members of the public looking to show their support for the King.

The song was first performed in public in London in 1745 and came to be known as the national anthem at the beginning of the 19th century.

Queen Elizabeth II 1926–2022



Clockwise from top: the Royal Gibraltar Regiment fires a 21-gun salute following the reading of the Royal proclamation on the accession of King Charles III; catching up with the news in Benidorm; Cate Blanchett in black, as she receives the best actress for 'Tár', at the closing ceremony of the 79th Venice International Film Festival; the Old Bridge in Mostar, Croatia, painted in the colours of the Union flag

‘Not the time’ for Australians to vote on

Anthony Albanese, the republican-leaning leader, says the country ‘should pay tribute to Queen, not pursue constitutional issues’

By Robert Mendick CHIEF REPORTER

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister ruled out a referendum on becoming a republic on a day when the new King sought to shore up his support in the Commonwealth.

In one of his first public duties as monarch, the King held a reception yesterday afternoon at Buckingham Palace for the High Commissioners of the 14 Commonwealth realms of which he is also head of state.

Beforehand, the monarch met Baroness Scotland of Asthal, the Secretary

General of the Commonwealth in private, in a further indication of the importance to him of cementing the loose alliance.

There are reports, unconfirmed, that the King could embark on a tour of the Commonwealth's key players in the coming year to bolster support.

There had been dire warnings that the death of Queen Elizabeth II could threaten to unstitch the Commonwealth with a number of countries agitating to ditch the monarch as head of state and form republics.

But yesterday, Anthony Albanese,

Australia's prime minister, appeared to rule out a referendum in his first term in office despite the Labor Party leader's own republican leanings.

Mr Albanese, who was one of the first world leaders to confirm he would be attending the Queen's funeral, said in an interview with Sky News that now was the “time to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II” and to show “deep respect and admiration”, rather than to pursue “questions about our constitution”.

Mr Albanese, who was elected in May, has previously called for an Australian to replace the monarch as head of state.

But yesterday he rallied around the new King, saying: “He's someone who has a deep relationship with Australia”, before adding “Bigger questions about our constitution are not ones for this current period.” Australia announced a

The Indian tiffin carrier who was invited to the King's wedding and dined with Queen Elizabeth II led an official day of mourning in India yesterday.

Raghunath Medge attended the nuptials of the King and Queen in 2005 after meeting him in India two years earlier.

Medge is a proud member of

Mumbai's 5,000-strong Dabbawala community.

For generations, they have delivered hundreds of thousands of cooked lunches across Mumbai every day by bicycle.

The King requested an audience with the Dabbawalas during his 2003 trip to Mumbai.

“He met us in Churchgate [in Mumbai] where us Dabbawalas assemble and he showed a huge interest in our coding system for the food and told us it was one of the world's most amazing jobs,” Medge recalled.

Relying on a complex system of numerical codes, their ability to cater to the varied diet

requirements of Mumbai's 24 million residents, without error, led the King to request an audience with the group.

“I brought him some dried fruits from Kashmir and he asked about my health, whether the work caused me pain in my neck and back,” Medge said. “We are poor people, not

educated, but the day that we met Charles we felt like gold.”

Speaking from his modest ancestral home in the village of Rajgurunagar, about 110 miles from India's financial capital of Mumbai, Medge recounted the shock of receiving the wedding invitation, along with another Dabbawala

colleague, Sopan Mare.

He was not sure why he had personally been chosen but believes it could have been because his father – also a Dabbawala – claimed to have delivered food to relatives of Queen Victoria in the 19th century.

Joe Wallen and Samaan Lateef



Don't take private jets to Queen's funeral, foreign leaders told

Dignitaries urged to take commercial flights to the ceremony as Biden weighs up an invitation to Trump

By David Millward
US CORRESPONDENT

HEADS of state travelling to England for Queen Elizabeth's funeral will be forbidden from travelling in private jets and helicopters, according to leaked guidance.

Foreign dignitaries and their spouses have been asked to travel to Britain on commercial flights, according to Foreign Office guidance seen by *Politico*.

Only heads of state and their partners will be invited to the ceremony, according to the guidelines. It is not clear if former heads of state will receive an invitation.

In the document, sent to overseas embassies late on Saturday night, the department said it "regrets that, because of limited space at the state funeral service and associated events, no other members of the principal guest's family, staff or entourage may be admitted".

The document reportedly warns leaders that restrictions could be imposed on their use of official cars.

The reported plans emerged after CNN reported that Joe Biden was facing a dilemma over whether to invite Donald Trump to join him at the funeral.

According to the network, Mr Trump's attendance was in his successor's hands.

The logistics of having to decide whether Mr Trump would join him in crossing the Atlantic on Air Force One would be problematic for Mr Biden, given that his predecessor still refuses to accept the result of the 2020 election.

'[Mr Trump] summoned a mob to storm the Capitol. It's mind-boggling to think he is appropriate for this event'

"It's a weird idea. If we were talking about a normal president, it would be a very uncontroversial thing to do," said Christopher Galdieri, associate professor at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire.

"Former presidents are really useful for this sort of thing. In the 1980s it was not uncommon for Nixon, Ford and Carter to attend these types of events on behalf of the Reagan administration. But with Trump, we aren't talking about somebody who lost an election and handed over the keys to the White

House and co-operated with the transition. He is someone who summoned a mob to storm the Capitol. It's mind-boggling to think of him as an appropriate person for this sort of event."

However, Jeff Lord, who was associate political director in Ronald Reagan's White House, disagreed. "Everyone should be coming together to pay respects," he said. "It would be a win for Joe Biden to ask for former presidents to go, Trump included."

Mr Trump paid a profuse tribute to Queen Elizabeth II following her death. "Spending time with Her Majesty was one of the most extraordinary honours of my life," he said.

However, as recently as April, Mr Trump launched a blistering attack on the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, calling Prince Harry the "most whipped man in the world".

It is unclear whether Mr Trump has sought an invitation to the funeral. *The Daily Telegraph* has approached his office for clarification.

The final decision rests with Mr Biden, who yesterday paid a further tribute to the Queen as he remembered the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the US.

He recalled her message as America mourned the death of nearly 3,000 people. "Grief is the price we pay for love," she told him.

Her Majesty was the heart of our family of nations

Alexander Downer



If it hadn't been for the personal efforts of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it seems inconceivable that the Commonwealth of nations would exist today. She sat at the heart of the organisation, and its disparate and far-flung members united around her.

When she ascended to the throne 70 years ago, the British Empire was disintegrating. India and Pakistan had already become independent, and over the next decade or so the British government was willingly granting independence across Africa, Asia, the South Pacific and the Caribbean.

The independence movements that gradually assumed power throughout the former British Empire weren't just (understandably) anti-colonialist. In many cases their leaders were anti-British.

More than that, they typically – although not universally – opposed the liberal market economic system, favouring a collectivist model more akin to the Soviet Union than Great Britain. Some, such as Ghana, were explicitly socialist, with close Soviet ties.

In that environment, it was easy to imagine the governments of the newly independent, post-imperial countries would want to move away from Britain as fast as possible. The idea of maintaining a voluntary association with the UK must have seemed, on the face of it, a bit far-fetched. Certainly, it did not fit comfortably with the zeitgeist of the time.

Yet there was one factor which helped to maintain a sense of family amongst the newly independent countries and the old traditional former dominions of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and of course the UK itself: that was the Queen.

The Queen captivated leaders of what became Commonwealth countries. They all wanted to meet her, be photographed with her and be associated with her, regardless of their own political perspectives.

This is an extraordinary thing in itself, bearing in mind so many of them would have had a sense of resentment

and antipathy towards the UK. The Queen, though, was something very special. She personified many universally admired human virtues. She herself was a good God-fearing woman; an attractive quality in many Christian Commonwealth nations. She had a strong sense of duty, always putting her responsibilities to others before her own personal comfort and convenience.

The Queen never complained, blamed others for misfortune or appeared to demonstrate petulance or anger. Crucially, she showed a genuine interest in the Commonwealth nations, and in their leaders, past and present. She did not engage with them for personal advantage or political purpose but instead treated them with humanity, respect and grace.

To these personal qualities, she added an extraordinary instinct for wise diplomacy. The Queen never appeared to resist decolonisation or expressed regret at the passing of the Empire. She empathised with the

'To her personal qualities, Her Majesty added an extraordinary instinct for wise diplomacy'

leaders of the newly independent states and kept well away from the economic and social controversies that inevitably engulfed them. In that sense her position was quite different from that of the British government, which had a range of different political and economic positions and priorities which often put them at variance with newly independent states; such as their relationship with the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

For her part, the Queen left those debates to her governments, and instead engaged at a personal level, respectfully and without vanity, with the leaders of those states. She navigated her way through many Commonwealth disagreements to maintain the organisation's unity.

Her presence at Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings – known as CHOGMs – was often critical in ensuring they were fruitful.

In particular, she handled the controversies over Zimbabwe's independence, and the dismantling of the apartheid regime in South Africa

with consummate skill and tact. In retrospect it was always clear what she wanted – an independent Zimbabwe and certainly the end of apartheid in South Africa. Through her subtle use of influence she was able to help the Commonwealth achieve satisfactory solutions to those problems.

Today, the Commonwealth comprises 56 countries, some of which were never part of the British Empire. Its continuing existence and the convening power and networking that it offers its members will be one of the Queen's greatest legacies.

The last Commonwealth heads of government meeting the Queen attended was in London in 2018. Almost every head of government attended. Many said they were resolved to come just to spend time with the Queen. Whoever they were, dyed-in-the-wool monarchists, hardline socialists or committed republicans, all were determined to have a few moments with Her Majesty.

For the Commonwealth, the Queen had a certain magic. No wonder so many people in my faraway home town of Adelaide have wept over her death. Tears will be shed from Kingston, Jamaica, to Nairobi, from Kuala Lumpur to Apia, Samoa.

King Charles III will endeavour to carry on this role as head of the Commonwealth with the same diplomacy and aplomb as the Queen. So far all the signs are promising. He has already assumed many of his mother's functions at recent Commonwealth meetings, fulfilling his obligations with the appropriate diplomacy and impartiality.

The King is well known throughout the Commonwealth, having been partly educated in Australia and having visited most Commonwealth countries as the Prince of Wales.

When Commonwealth governments considered in 2018 who would succeed the Queen as head of the Commonwealth, they unanimously chose the then Prince of Wales. There was no controversy, no rancour and no dispute.

That augurs well for His Majesty's relationship with the Commonwealth and for the health of the Commonwealth in the 21st century. *The Hon Alexander Downer is a former Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom*

ditching monarchy

public holiday on Sept 22, three days after the late Queen's funeral.

Justin Trudeau, Canada's prime minister, issued a statement expressing his country's support for the new King as head of state taking further, initial pressure off His Majesty in his further new role as head of the Commonwealth.

It is not a title that the monarch is guaranteed to inherit but before her death Queen Elizabeth ensured the title would pass to her son.

Mr Trudeau gave the new King his full backing. "We have no doubt that his deeply felt commitment to education, the environment, and the empowerment of young people will provide a strong foundation from which he will continue to work toward the betterment of the Commonwealth and its people," said Mr Trudeau.

"On behalf of the Government of

Canada, we affirm our loyalty to Canada's new King, His Majesty King Charles III, and offer him our full support."

The meeting with the High Commissioners, which will also be attended by James Cleverly, the new Foreign Secretary, will give the King an opportunity to press his case to remain head of state in those realms.

There are a further 41 member countries of the Commonwealth with a total population of 2.5 billion that includes India and other former colonies.

But new members, not part of the British Empire, such as Rwanda and Togo, which joined as recently as June this year, have found the loose affiliation increasingly attractive.

In an indication of choppy waters ahead, the prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda, one of the Caribbean realms, said yesterday that he would be

calling for a vote on the country becoming a republic within three years.

Gaston Browne, the country's leader, signed a document confirming Charles III's status as the new King but then, minutes later, said in a television interview: "This is not an act of hostility or any difference between Antigua and Barbuda and the monarchy, but it is the final step to complete that circle of independence, to ensure that we are truly a sovereign nation."

Asked when any vote on independence might take place, he said: "I'd say probably within the next three years."

The agitation for a republic is not new and in April, Mr Browne said that the Earl and Countess of Wessex, on a visit to the island, should use their "diplomatic influence" to achieve "reparatory justice", and outlined his country's wish to "one day become a republic".

'Isle of happy memories' pays respects to its former princess

By Nick Squires in Valletta

SHE had not lived there for more than 70 years, but a crumbling stone villa in Malta has become the focal point for an island with long-standing links to the Crown as it grieves the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Wreaths were attached to the front door of Villa Guardamangia in the capital, Valletta, above a black and white photograph of the then Princess Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip.

They lived in the imposing 18th-century property for several months between 1949 and 1951, when the prince was a Royal Navy officer serving with the Mediterranean Fleet.

It was the only place outside the UK

that the late Queen ever called home and she always remembered Malta fondly as her "isle of happy memories".

A stream of locals and British tourists filtered to Villa Guardamangia to pay their respects. A 10-year-old girl left a drawing of a corgi with the message "Rest in peace Your Majesty" and a bunch of white lilies was placed outside the villa by the British High Commission.

"She set such an example to us all," said Rachel Jordan-Wolf, the executive director of a charity, who quietly wept as she sat outside the entrance to the former royal home. "She never complained, she never said 'I need a day off', she just gave of herself constantly."

"People here love her. Many of us still

feel close to England," said Mario Portelli, 70, a taxi driver.

Princess Elizabeth launched herself into cocktail parties and picnics while her husband served on the Royal Navy ships HMS Chequers and HMS Maggie.

"She was very happy here. It was the first and the last time that she could live as close to a normal life as possible," said Kenneth Gambin, chief operating officer for Heritage Malta, the government agency that is leading the €10 million (£8.7 million) restoration of the property to turn it into a museum. A petition has been launched for a public monument honouring the late Queen.

A full gun salute will be fired when Queen Elizabeth is laid to rest at her state funeral in Westminster Abbey.

Commanders among first to retreat as

Troops abandon northern part of key area as Kremlin is accused of ‘betraying those still fighting there’

By Campbell MacDiarmid in Kharkiv and James Kilner

RUSSIAN troops were forced to abandon their positions around the entire northern region of Kharkiv and retreat

back into Russia, its defence ministry admitted, a reversal that analysts described as a shock rout and a possible turning point in the war. Ukrainian soldiers in Kharkiv said that they had seen Russian commanders “literally running away” and soldiers changing into civilian clothes to escape Ukraine’s surprise offensive. The impressive Ukrainian attack has recaptured dozens of villages and towns, some north of Kharkiv on the border with Russia, in what appears to

‘The Ukrainian counter-offensive is collapsing Russia’s northern Donbas axis’

be a near-total collapse of Russia’s front in the north-eastern region. Analysts said that all of Russia’s forces were now fleeing the Kharkiv area and even pro-Russia military bloggers admitted that the front had collapsed. Ukraine’s defence ministry said that about 450 sq miles of its homeland had been recaptured, an area the size of Lancashire. Until this point the Russians were said to have held around 20 per cent of Ukraine’s territory “Our forces entered Kupiansk. The

liberation of Kupiansk and Izyum districts of Kharkiv region are ongoing,” said the Ukrainian military. Several Ukrainian cities reported power outages last night, with Ukrainian bloggers and social media users reporting Russian missile attacks. They said that these were “revenge strikes”. Russian channels on Telegram said at least two power stations in Kremenchuk and Kharkiv were struck by precision rockets last night. Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian

Clockwise from below: armoured fighting vehicles abandoned by fleeing invaders; Russian grenade launchers left abandoned; a Ukrainian soldier’s gesture of triumph

president, tweeted: “A total blackout in the Kharkiv & Donetsk regions, a partial one in the Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk & Sumy regions. RF terrorists remain terrorists & attack critical infrastructure. No military facilities, the goal is to deprive people of light & heat. #RussiaIsATerroristState.” The governor of the eastern Kharkiv region said Russian attacks on “critical infrastructure” had disrupted electricity and water supplies, while the head of the Dnipropetrovsk region claimed



Ukraine counter-offensive



Russian troops are on the ropes and this could spell beginning of the end for tyrant Putin, too

As Ukrainian forces retake more than 1,150 sq miles of occupied homeland, a stunning victory is in sight

By Mike Martin

By the time you read this article it will most probably be out of date, such is the speed of the advance of the Ukrainian armed forces. It is most likely that the past few days of warfare in Ukraine are going to be studied by generations of future military officers and historians. In summary, the Ukrainian armed forces

have retaken more than 1,150 sq miles of Russian-occupied Ukraine. They have done this by punching a hole through thinly guarded Russian front lines east of Kharkiv, and severing the Russian lines of logistics, forcing the withdrawal of large contingents of Russian soldiers from multiple locations but, most importantly, Izyum and Kupiansk. Without these two cities Russia cannot effectively supply its forces in the north east or the east of the country, and so further collapses, withdrawals and surrenders of Russian forces are to be expected. It is likely that the Ukrainians will keep control of what they have gained,

equivalent to all of the territory that Russia has gained since April. The Russians are finding it hard to defend, let alone counterattack. They simply don’t have the troops, nor the logistics, and morale is rock bottom. As this article was being written, reports are emerging of the Ukrainians having retaken Donetsk airport, and are heading for the Black Sea coast, either Mariupol or Melitopol. It is a quite stunning success. So, zooming out to the bigger picture, what does this mean? For the war, it means that we are seeing the disintegration of Russian forces in Ukraine. They may be able to stabilise their lines temporarily, but we

have crossed a point of no return. Russia’s forces were previously poorly equipped, poorly supplied and of low morale. To that list you can now add terrified of encirclement. Some people are worried that this will force Vladimir Putin to use nuclear weapons, but as long as the Ukrainians stay within their borders it is unlikely – for Putin knows it will be the end of him, and potentially of Russia, too. Geographically, the Ukrainians are carving up the Russian forces into small pockets which they will deal with individually. The hardest of those pockets to defeat will be Russian forces in Crimea, but once Ukraine has isolated them by destroying the Kerch

bridge that runs between Crimea and Russia, it is only a matter of time. Ukraine is getting closer to its overall strategic goal: the removal of all Russian forces from the sovereign territory of Ukraine. This has been achieved with exceptional skill and bravery, and huge losses of civilians and soldiers, including an estimated 1.5 million Ukrainians who have been transferred to Russian soil. It has also been done with billions of dollars of weaponry, terabytes of intelligence data, and discrete operational advice from Western countries, especially the United States and Britain. Despite media focus on whether the Ukrainians are receiving enough, and the right type, of equipment, it is clear they have been enabled sufficiently to conduct a combined-arms manoeuvre over hundreds of miles – a particularly logistics-intensive type of warfare. The success will remind Western leaders that the weapons, intelligence and advice must continue to flow to allow them to finish the job. But what does

this mean for Russia? First and foremost it means that Putin could be finished. It has been his war. And it has not only failed, but achieved the opposite of what he said it would: Russia is now ostracised, sanctioned, has unified its enemies, and is about to have its army defeated in the field. This may seem like a good thing but there is only one thing worse than a strong Russia, and that is a weak one. A weak Russia, with its leader defenestrated, leaves many unknown questions. Could there be a coup? Who takes over after Putin? Does Russia stay whole? And what happens to its nuclear weapons – it has more than 5,000 – while all of this is happening? So, while everyone’s eyes are on what is happening in Ukraine, I hope someone is thinking about what may be shortly about to happen to Russia. Dr Mike Martin is a War Studies Visiting Fellow at King’s College London and author of “Why We Fight”

rout at Kharkiv signals turning point

Moscow's forces had "hit energy infrastructure" in retaliation for "defeat on the battlefield".

Kupiansk and Izyum have been heavily fought over and their capture by Russia was celebrated by the Kremlin earlier in the war. They are also vital supply hubs for Russian forces in Donbas.

A video from Izyum shows five soldiers standing on the roof of a destroyed government building firing rounds into the air, waving the Ukrainian flag and shouting "Glory to Ukraine". Various

unverified videos show Ukrainian soldiers being warmly welcomed by Kharkiv locals with hot meals, flowers and hugs.

Amid the progress of Ukrainian forces, Sergei Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister, said yesterday Russia is prepared to sit down for peace talks.

Even the Russian ministry of defence has admitted that it can no longer hang on to territory around Kharkiv.

During its daily video briefing by Lt Gen Igor Konashenkov, the Russian

'The liberation of Kupiansk and Izyum districts of Kharkiv region are ongoing'

defence ministry spokesman, a map flashed up showing that the Russian defence ministry now considered only a thin sliver of land to the east of the Oskil River to be under its control.

Lt Gen Konashenkov has been mocked by pro-Ukraine social media users. Russian military bloggers, meanwhile, are becoming increasingly frustrated with the Kremlin's strategies.

"Not to say a word about the realities of what is happening around Kharkiv, means to betray those who fought there

and are still fighting," the pro-Russia blogger Military Informant told his 462,000 subscribers.

The scale of the Russian defeat around Kharkiv is only just emerging but videos and photos uploaded online show dozens and dozens of abandoned tanks and other equipment.

Body armour and rifles, rations and clothes were also discarded by the fleeing Russian army.

Western analysts confirmed that Ukrainian forces looked to have cap-

'Offensive is routing Russian forces [they] are not conducting a controlled withdrawal'

tured most of the Kharkiv region. "It seems now confirmed there is a general Russian withdrawal from Kharkiv Oblast," said James Rushton, a British defence analyst based in Ukraine.

The US-based Institute for the Study of War was blunt with its assessment of how Russian forces had performed. "The Ukrainian counter-offensive in Kharkiv Oblast is routing Russian forces and collapsing Russia's northern Donbas axis," it said. "Russian forces are not conducting a controlled withdrawal."

'They were running from their positions, leaving all their stuff'

Dispatch



By Campbell MacDiarmid
in Kharkiv, Ukraine

As Ukrainian troops close on Russian units, witnesses say Moscow's soldiers are 'afraid' and fleeing in panic

By the time the Russian soldiers knew what was happening, their panicked commanders had already fled the battlefield.

With the Ukrainian advance closing in around them there was only one way out alive. They slipped out of their military uniforms and abandoned their tanks, bunkers and machine-gun nests – a final, desperate attempt to flee in the fields and villages around Ukraine's second city of Kharkiv.

But they soon ran into trouble. "We caught some of these guys trying to escape in civilian clothes," a commander of a Ukrainian intelligence unit told *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday. "They were telling some incredible bull--t trying to save themselves," added the soldier, known by his call sign Birdie.

It had been the job of Birdie's unit to spy on the Russian forces' response to Ukraine's surprise offensive in the Kharkiv region over the past five days.

Instead of a fightback, he had witnessed the extraordinary collapse of the Kremlin's northern front line.

Birdie's account of Russian soldiers fleeing in panic is one of the first eyewitness statements from the battlefield. Having slept little since the operation began, and with blue tape still tied around the sleeves of his uniform to identify him as a Ukrainian soldier, Birdie was upbeat as he spoke to us on his return from the front line.

The 31-year-old's intelligence unit is part of the Kraken Regiment. It had spent a week intercepting radio communications and surveilling Russian positions using drones around Balakliya.

"I saw small units of up to five of our guys on foot who were destroying huge numbers of Russian vehicles. Three tanks at one time," he said.

The Russian collapse had even taken the Ukrainian forces by surprise.

"It was the coolest thing I've ever seen in my life," he said of his unit's work co-ordinating Ukrainian ground forces via drone as they attacked Russian positions.

"They left such a huge amount of vehicles and ammunition that we couldn't transfer or evacuate it all to our rear," Birdie said.

In one intercepted communication, Birdie described hearing a Russian tank unit desperately asking what had happened to their command. "We are totally f---," Birdie heard them saying. "Then they fled. Later we found their burned tank."

Other Russian troops were unable to distinguish their own forces from advancing Ukrainian troops.

"I heard them asking what were the white crosses on the vehicles. Then I heard them die in real-time, while I was listening," he said.

White crosses are an identifier that



A woman carries her belongings from a destroyed building in Mykolaiv

Ukrainian forces have daubed on their tanks and armoured carriers. The Russian forces have used Zs and Vs as identifiers, symbols that have been adopted by pro-war activists in Russia.

Marty, a 25-year-old soldier in Birdie's unit who comes from a liberated Ukrainian village, said: "I think it's the beginning of the end for Russian occupiers. They were literally running from their positions, leaving all their stuff and heading from the occupied territories."

The eyewitness accounts add

'They were afraid. Their chain of command was in chaos. Officers left the area before the fighting began'

first-hand evidence to a growing body of photos and videos circulated online which show how the Kremlin's military fled.

Dozens and dozens of tanks were abandoned and whole arsenals, neatly stocked from floor to ceiling with shells, small arms ammunition and grenades have been seized.

One unconfirmed video shows a Russian tank column speeding toward Russia across a bridge that spans the Oskil river, which flows south from Russia into Ukraine about 90 miles east from Kharkiv.

Another photo reportedly shows Lt Gen Andrei Sychevoi, one of Russia's top commanders, kneeling on the ground, handcuffed. If his capture is confirmed, he will become the highest-ranking Russian officer to be captured since the Second World War.

The intelligence picture building up is that Russian soldiers did not have the time, discipline, morale or intent to withdraw in good order, despite

Russian officials' statements that their forces had enacted a tactical retreat.

"They were really afraid. Their chain of command was in chaos. Officers left the area before the fighting began," said Birdie. His unit had been operating in Balakliya, 43 miles to the southeast of the city of Kharkiv which was recaptured this week in the Ukrainian counter-offensive that comes a little over six months since the start of Russia's invasion.

The US-based Institute for the Study of War has called the Russian pullback from its north-eastern front a rout. Ukrainian officials have said that they have taken back around 3,000 sq kms (almost 2,000 sq miles) of their occupied homeland.

This is the biggest loss of territory for Russia since it was forced to withdraw from outside Kyiv in March.

The losses have irritated Russian military bloggers who diligently follow the conflict and were once loyal to the Kremlin line. They have accused Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, of being on another planet for spending Saturday celebrating the 875th anniversary of the founding of Moscow by opening a new Ferris wheel and watching a fireworks display as his forces were being routed.

The successes of Ukraine's offensive also appear to have unnerved leaders in the rebel Donetsk region. Ukrainian forces are reported to be on the offensive there too. "The situation here remains quite difficult," said Denis Pushilin, the usually brash pro-Russian head of separatist Donetsk.

At first the ministry of defence in Moscow claimed that the Russian troop movements were part of a planned "regrouping".

Standing in the square in Kharkiv, Birdie laughed. "It was a good joke," he said.



Last reactor shut down at besieged Ukraine nuclear plant to avert threat of catastrophe

By Our Foreign Staff

THE last reactor at Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia has been turned off to reduce the threat of a radiation disaster amid continuing fighting.

While Zaporizhzhia's reactors are protected by a reinforced shelter that could withstand an errant shell or rocket, a disruption in the electrical supply could knock out cooling systems essential for the reactors' safety.

Ukraine's nuclear operator, Energoatom, said the restoration of one of power lines linking the plant to the country's power grid allowed engineers to shut down its last operating reactor.

The company said the move was necessary to prevent a scenario whereby

the plant would have to rely exclusively on emergency diesel generators to keep the reactors cool and prevent a nuclear meltdown.

It came as president Vladimir Putin yesterday warned his French counterpart of the potential "catastrophic consequences" of what he said were Ukrainian attacks on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

During a telephone call to Emmanuel Macron the Russian leader "drew attention to regular Ukrainian attacks on facilities, including a radioactive waste storage facility, which is fraught with catastrophic consequences", the Kremlin said in a statement.

The plant has been a focal point of fighting in recent weeks, raising concerns of a potential nuclear incident.

Mr Macron told Mr Putin the plant's occupation by Russian troops is the reason why its security is compromised.

He had asked Russia to withdraw heavy and light weapons from the plant and abide by the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) recommendations to ensure security at the site.

"The president will remain in contact with president Volodymyr Zelensky as well as the IAEA and will speak again in the coming days with president Putin so that an accord to guarantee security at the power plant can be found," the French presidency said.

Mr Putin said Russian specialists were taking steps to ensure the plant's safety and Moscow was ready to work with the IAEA to agree on "non-politicised" solutions to the problem.

WORLD BULLETIN

'Collision with whale' kills five in New Zealand

Five people have died off the coast of New Zealand after their boat apparently collided with a surfacing whale.

The vessel was taking tourists on a birdwatching trip near the town of Kaikoura on the South Island when the accident happened. Locals said it was unlikely the 28ft-long vessel had hit debris such as driftwood because there was no damage to its hull.

There was speculation instead that it had been flipped over by a large whale. Nearly half the world's whale and dolphin species are found in New Zealand waters.

Eleven people, including the skipper, were on the vessel when it capsized on Saturday in Goose Bay near Kaikoura.

Appeal trial starts over Charlie Hebdo attack

The men who supplied weapons for the deadly *Charlie Hebdo* attack today begin their appeal trial, claiming they have been punished for a "role they never played".

Twelve people were killed at the magazine's Paris office by brothers Said and Chérif Kouachi, who said they were acting on behalf of al-Qaeda to avenge the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo's* decision to publish cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

The first trial was held in 2020 with 14 defendants accused of helping the gunmen prepare and organise the 2015 attacks in the French capital.

Only two, those given the heaviest sentences, have appealed. The appeal court will have six weeks to weigh up the degree of responsibility of the pair.

Centre-Left party set to win Swedish election

Sweden's centre-Left bloc looks set for a narrow victory over Right-wing opponents, an exit poll showed after voting ended yesterday, although the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats made gains and could become the second-largest party in parliament.

The survey by public broadcaster SVT gave prime minister Magdalena Andersson's centre-Left bloc 49.8 per cent of the votes against 49.2 per cent for the opposition Right-wing parties. "The SVT exit poll has been right every time since they began doing them," said Mikael Gilljam, professor of political science at Gothenburg University.

"We don't know if this is the case this time. But if I have to put money on someone, it will be on the Left."

Inflation ‘cuts NHS budget by £20bn’

Truss urged to top up spending as health chiefs fear squeeze will derail efforts to clear waiting lists

By Tom Rees

NHS chiefs will warn Liz Truss of a £20 billion black hole in the health and social care budget as rampant inflation and pay rises for doctors and nurses tear up spending plans.

The Prime Minister and her Chancellor are being urged to top up spending plans for the next three years as the inflation squeeze on the health department threatens to derail efforts to reduce record backlogs.

Matthew Taylor, the chief executive of the NHS Confederation, said the health budget set out at last year’s

spending review has been made “some-what redundant by inflation”.

“[A spending review] needs to recognise what’s going on in relation to health service funding and the consequences of not living up to the commitments that they made last autumn,” he said.

“Either the Government has got to admit that it isn’t able to fund the NHS at the level that it certainly felt it needed to fund the NHS this time last year, or else it needs to make up that gap.”

Mr Taylor said he will be making the case for extra funding to the new Prime Minister, who has made the NHS one of her key priorities.

He warned of pressure on its budget on several fronts from rising wages, climbing building material prices and inflation affecting a range of costs, such as food bills to provide patients with meals.

The funding shortfall for health and social care will reach approximately £20 billion over the coming three years, according to analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) based on inflation projections from August.

Thomas Pope, deputy chief economist at the Institute for Government, said the multi-year health budget outlined last year is “not going to be sufficient to start to get the backlog and waiting lists under control”.

He said: “If you’re really serious about delivering a better NHS and it seems Truss has made it one of her priorities you do need to spend more money.”

“However, I would also caution that money on its own is not going to be a magic solution in the short term.”

Ms Truss has promised to hold a new spending review to “find more efficiencies in government spending”, tearing

up plans set out for the next three years by Rishi Sunak in October 2021.

However, she and Kwasi Kwarteng will be under enormous pressure to also boost the budgets in frontline services which have been squeezed by the highest inflation in 40 years.

The NHS risks a huge funding shortfall in the coming years as it struggles to cope with the patient waiting list hitting an all-time high of 6.8 million and soaring ambulance response times.

Across the public sector, inflation is eroding budgets. The IFS estimates that inflation has wiped out more than 40 per cent of the real-term increases to department budgets set out at last year’s spending review.

Overall, the Government would need to find an extra £44 billion for departmental budgets for them to be as generous in real terms as they were when they were set out.

Ms Truss has promised tax cuts for households and businesses, plus a boost to military spending, leaving little scope for spending increases elsewhere.

She vowed to boost the defence budget from 2.2 per cent of GDP to 3 per cent by 2030, a pledge that could cost an extra £28 billion over the next three years, according to the Royal United Services Institute.

In April, Mr Sunak, the former chancellor, raided workers and their employers in the name of raising extra funds for the NHS and social care, adding 1.25 percentage points to National Insurance contributions.

The Office for Budget Responsibility estimated this would bring in extra revenues of more than £18 billion per year.

However, Ms Truss has promised to reverse the tax increase.

The Treasury declined to comment.

NEWS BULLETIN

Sacking top civil servant at Treasury ‘regrettable’

Liz Truss has been accused of treating the Civil Service “improperly” and threatening its independence by a former private secretary to five prime ministers.

Lord Butler, who served under Margaret Thatcher, Sir John Major and Sir Tony Blair, said the decision to sack Sir Tom Scholar, the most senior civil servant in the Treasury, on the first day of the new administration was “very unusual and very regrettable”.

“We have a new Sovereign, we have a new Prime Minister and we really need the cement that can hold this system together,” he told BBC Radio 4’s *The World This Weekend*.

ME sufferers wanted for largest ever genes study

People who have been diagnosed with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) are being invited to take part in the world’s largest genetic study of the disease.

The DecodeME study, led by Edinburgh University’s MRC Human Genetics Unit, aims to reveal the differences in a person’s DNA that can increase their risk of ME, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS).

It is estimated more than 250,000 people in the UK are affected by the condition. The researchers are looking for people aged 16 and over in the UK to take part in the study from home. They can sign up on the DecodeME website from 12pm today.

Over-65s invited to book coronavirus booster jabs

People aged 65 and over can now book their Covid booster shot online or via the 111 NHS helpline.

Appointments are also being offered to carers and pregnant women as the vaccine rollout continues.

People aged 75 and over, the severely immunosuppressed and frontline health and care workers have been able to book a booster since last week if it has been more than three months since their last jab.

People who qualify for an autumn/winter booster include adults aged 50 and over and those aged five to 49 with health conditions that put them at greater risk.

Police bail two men held in Olivia murder inquiry

Two men arrested in connection with the murder of nine-year-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel have been released on bail pending further inquiries, Merseyside Police said yesterday.

The men, aged 18 and 37, both from the West Derby area of Liverpool, were arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. The older man was taken into custody on Friday while the teenager was one of two people arrested on Thursday during police inquiries into the fatal shooting on Aug 22.

A 29-year-old man, was also arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender, when police executed warrants on three properties in West Derby.

Teenage girl breaks free of drive-by kidnapper

A teenage college student was the victim of an attempted kidnapping while walking home after lessons, police revealed last night.

The girl became aware of a man repeatedly driving passed her for 10 minutes on Friday at about 3.30pm in Farnborough, Hants. The motorist then got out of the car and grabbed her, trying to pull her into his vehicle.

She managed to break free and flee, before she was seen entering a vehicle and being driven away.

Police are appealing for witnesses and said the man is described as being white and in his late 20s or early 30s.

Carer avoids prison after mocking dying patient

A care worker who filmed a distressed and dying patient on her mobile phone and sent the videos to her boyfriend has been spared jail.

Lacey Deans could be heard laughing and mocking the 80-year-old man in the three days leading up to his death at Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham, Kent, on Nov 19 2019.

Judge Julian Smith told the 31-year-old, who was fired from her job, that she had “robbed an extremely vulnerable man of his dignity in his final hours”. He handed her a six-month jail sentence suspended for 18 months at Maidstone Crown Court.

Court delays leave domestic abuse victims living in fear

By Charles Hymas
HOME AFFAIRS EDITOR

DOMESTIC violence victims are living in fear as court delays of up to three years see their abusers roam free, according to research by the national charity for victims.

Their attackers are being released on bail despite evidence that they have broken restraining orders, or left free to date other women even though they have a history of serial attacks on previous partners, says Victim Support.

It warned that the court system was

at “crisis point” and ministers urgently needed to resolve the barristers’ strike to restart efforts to reduce the backlog of nearly 60,000 cases.

One victim told *The Telegraph* she was too scared to leave her house after her abuser was allowed out on bail even though he had previously breached a non-molestation order to attack her.

The 40-year-old safeguarding co-ordinator has seen the sentencing adjourned three times since the attack in March when her ex-partner broke into her home and beat her unconscious before stabbing her with a screw-

driver. She is off sick from her job, has suffered the recurrence of a brain condition from the stress and has had to move her children to different schools.

“If I wasn’t this strong, I think I would have taken my own life by now,” she said.

A second victim, a 39-year-old nurse practitioner, told *The Telegraph* she lives in fear of her ex-partner, taking precautions including a security escort from her work building to her car.

She has waited more than 18 months for her ex-partner to be brought to jus-

tice for beating her, sexually assaulting her and suffocating her in March 2020 before being stalked by him.

The trial had been scheduled for July this year but was adjourned with just days to go until April 2023 because of scheduling backlogs.

“I didn’t sleep or eat in the weeks

‘When it was thrown out and I got the date of April 2023 I was devastated ... He is still out there’

before the trial was due to go ahead. When it was thrown out and I then got the date of April 2023, I was devastated. That is a long time, a very long time. He is still out there,” she said.

She broke down in tears as she described how the delay had left her feeling that her traumatic experience had been “trivialised, as though it is not important to anybody”.

Diana Fawcett, chief executive of Victim Support, said: “Excruciatingly long waits for trial have long been an issue, but they’re now reaching crisis point. Things simply can’t go on like this.”

Spending a penny should cost a pound, says charity

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

PEOPLE should be charged £1 for using public lavatories or they will become casualties to cuts, a charity has warned.

Raymond Martin, the managing director of the British Toilet Association, said the facilities will have to start paying for themselves because no funding is coming from the Government, and councils are having to cut back.

He believes charging just £1 per use could earn struggling local governments millions – rather than being an easy cut for council bosses who have no legal obligation to keep lavatories open.

And if councils cannot afford to clean them properly, the toilets could become riddled with viruses, Mr Martin warned. The 66-year-old said: “Money is just going to get tighter and tighter and the crisis is going to have a significant impact on toilets. Toilets that are damaged by vandalism and anti-social behaviour will probably fall into disrepair.

“If you let toilets get dirty there is a danger behind it; if we don’t clean them we are actually putting lives at risk. I think the days of the free toilet are gone.

“Councils would like to provide them but there’s a cost and they have to recover that money. It will help pay for running the service and reduce anti-

social behaviour by maybe 80 per cent. I don’t see a way that money is coming from the Government at this point.”

Lavatory blocks can cost as much as £15,000 a year, meaning that some councils could free up hundreds of thousands of pounds by scrapping them.

Mr Martin believes that the number of public lavatories may have plummeted by 90 per cent in 30 years.

By paying to use them, lavatories will have the funds to be kept clean and safe, he said. He also claims that councils could pay for lavatories by using them as advertising space.

Councils have no legal need to provide public lavatories and many services have already been cut as the Government tightens funding.

But they are essential to the elderly, the disabled and people with conditions such as IBS and Crohn’s disease.

They are also an essential for travelling workers, from those in healthcare to lorry drivers.

And as places with poor facilities turn away visitors, Mr Martin believes they have a knock-on effect of 20 to 40 times the price of keeping lavatories open.

Mr Martin continued: “At the BTA we believe in free toilets but being pragmatic there is going to have to be a charge.”

British pigs in blankets off the menu this Christmas

By Hannah Boland

SHOPPERS looking for British pigs in blankets and locally reared gammon this Christmas may be forced to buy EU meat instead, the industry has warned.

Supermarkets will be stocking less British meat this Christmas, industry chiefs warned, as higher feed prices prompt farmers to rear fewer animals.

Official estimates suggest a significant drop-off in Britain’s breeding pig herd, down by almost 20pc on last year by June. The numbers are expected to have fallen further as farmers face spiralling costs in energy and animal feed.

Lizzie Wilson, the chief executive of the National Pig Association, warned of “a hole in supply coming” for British cuts on supermarket shelves.

“Until now, retailers have been good at buying British pork,” she said. “However, they can’t ignore that EU pig meat is significantly cheaper than British.”

The UK is already importing more pig meat from Spain and Belgium, Ms Wilson warned. A squeeze on carbon dioxide – used for stunning animals before slaughter – has added more pressure.

The Government said: “Since last autumn, the CO2 market’s resilience has improved, with additional imports, further domestic production and better stockpiles.”



Doggy paddle Dogs, and their owners, took part in the annual end of season swim, which included a pet drying service, at Saltdean Lido in Sussex, yesterday.

RUSSELL SACH

‘Nationalised’ miniature railway derails after ‘sabotage’

A POPULAR miniature railway “nationalised” by town hall officials who took four years to get it running again has derailed in its first week of operating.

The Poole Park Railway in Dorset was taken over by the local authority in 2018 after being successfully run by a private operator for 15 years.

But a minor derailment allegedly caused by an act of sabotage resulted in the local businessman losing the contract.

As a result, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council took over the running of the popular tourist attraction after announcing plans to lay a new 800m track to make it safer.

But it took four years – and thousands of pounds in lost revenue to the local taxpayer – for them to complete

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the work at a cost of £350,000. Just over a week after its much anticipated return the carriage derailed after it hit stones reportedly left on the tracks deliberately.

It had to be suspended yesterday ahead of its official launch event next weekend.

A spokesman for the Queen’s Park Conservatives suggested that someone had placed stones on the track at a bend.

A statement read: “This occurred as the train was slowing down to round the bend and because someone placed a number of stones between the main and check rail on the bend.

“As the engine came round it caused a derailment. We are still in the testing phase and have reinstated the train on the rails.

“The debris has been cleared and test runs carried out and all went well and will reopen tomorrow.”

The attraction has experienced multiple delays in reopening, prompting park users to hit out at the council for their apparent ineptitude.



Taking flight Wildlife photographer Andrew Fusek Peters, 57, who has been travelling around the UK photographing the butterfly population for his new book, captured this image in his back garden in Lydbury North, Shropshire, with a shutter speed of 1/6000th of a second.

Injection a ‘game changer’ in diabetes fight

Nice recommends use of appetite-suppressing jab by NHS for those with Type 2 form of condition

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

AN injection that makes you feel full reduces risk of Type 2 diabetes by 60 per cent, a study has found.

The National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (Nice) has recommended Wegovy – a once-weekly injection that suppresses the appetite – is used by the NHS.

The drug works by hijacking the

body’s appetite-regulating system in the brain, leading to reduced hunger and calorie intake.

A US team hailed the injection as a “game changer”. It contains an appetite-suppressing drug called semaglutide.

Lead author Dr Timothy Garvey, of the University of Alabama, said: “Semaglutide reduces the future risk of diabetes by over 60 per cent in patients with obesity. This figure is similar whether a patient has prediabetes or normal blood sugar levels.

“Sustained treatment is required to maintain the benefit. Given the rising rates of obesity and diabetes, semaglutide could be used effectively to reduce the burden of these chronic diseases.”

Around five million people in the UK have diabetes – with 90 per cent of cases Type 2, caused by unhealthy lifestyles. Obesity raises the risk sixfold.

A study of 1,961 overweight or obese Americans found those given the therapy for 16 months were 61 per cent less likely to develop diabetes over the next decade.

All received weekly 2.4mg doses for 20 weeks. They then either remained on semaglutide or were switched to a placebo for the next 48 weeks.

The former shed an average 17 per cent of body mass – about two stone for a 15 stone individual. Benefits were not seen in those who stopped the medication.

Results were confirmed by a second trial of 803 vulnerable participants.

After 20 weeks, risk rose to over 15 per cent in those who switched to the dummy drug. But it continued falling among peers who carried on – indicating sustained treatment is needed.

All participants received advice on diet and exercise. A tool called Cardio-metabolic Disease Staging predicted diabetes risk in the next ten years.

It uses a formula based on sex, age, race, body mass index and blood pressure as well as levels of blood glucose and fats – and has been shown to be highly accurate.

Semaglutide could provide an alternative to gastric-bypass surgery where

patients are fitted with a band to reduce calorie intake.

It was recently approved in the US as an obesity treatment. Nice’s draft guidelines for England and Wales, not yet fully approved, says it should be prescribed to obese adults.

“It appears to be the most effective medication to date for treating obesity and is beginning to close the gap with the amount of weight loss following bariatric surgery,” Dr Garvey said.

“Its approval was based on clinical trial results showing that it reduces weight by over 15 per cent on average when used together with a healthy lifestyle programme.

“This amount of weight loss is suffi-

cient to treat or prevent a broad array of obesity complications that impair health and quality of life and is a game changer in obesity medicine.”

Obesity affects about one in four British adults, increasing the risk of a host of life-threatening illnesses.

“We know that management of overweight and obesity is one of the biggest challenges our health service is facing,” Helen Knight, from Nice, said. “It is a lifelong condition that needs medical intervention, has psychological and physical effects, and can affect quality of life.”

The findings were presented at a European Association for the Study of Diabetes meeting in Stockholm.

Plea to dog walkers after seal pup dies on Welsh coast

DOG walkers have been told to keep their pets away from the beach after a seal pup drowned.

The white seal pup died off New Quay, West Wales, which is suspected to be due to disturbance by dog walkers. It is feared a dog scared the seal pup’s mother into the water, unable to protect her offspring who died in the water.

The pup was seen with a female at New Quay’s Dolau beach early in the morning last Monday. The seals then left the beach, but the pup was next seen in the water near the harbour wall, where it surfaced a couple of times before submerging and not resurfacing.

Melanie Heath, special areas of conservation officer for Cardigan Bay, said: “Seal pups need space and time to rest and grow. They are fed by their mothers for just three weeks before they have to fend for themselves.

“It is vital that during this time they are given space. Disturbance can lead to abandonment and death.”

Cllr Clive Davies, cabinet member for economy and regeneration, said: “It is very important to remember that these beautiful iconic creatures are wild animals so I urge everyone to follow our Ceredigion Marine Code and

keep a distance to enjoy from afar. We are also warning dog owners to keep their dogs away from beaches where seal pups are resting.”

There are two types of seal found around the British Isles – the common (harbour) seal and the grey seal. Both are relatively common and in certain areas are seeing their numbers increase.

This population surge has been partly blamed for the reducing fish

‘Seal pups need space and time to rest and grow... before they have to fend for themselves’

stocks. According to the Mammal Society the common seal is less common in British waters than the grey seal, at about 55,000 compared with around 120,000 grey seals.

Around Ireland the two species are more equally represented: about 3,000 common seals and 4,000 grey seals.

Other species of seals, such as the harp, hooded and ringed seal are very occasional visitors to the British Isles, and any sightings of these species are extremely rare.



The restored Bronze Age vessel now on display at the Kirkcaldy galleries in Fife

Glue could get Bronze Age experts out of sticky situation

A 5,000-YEAR-OLD clay pot has been reassembled to go on display to the public – but using reversible glue in case experts want to study the shards again.

The Bronze Age vessel was unearthed, along with human remains and other artefacts, during a demolition project in Fife 42 years ago.

Work to flatten a shop and hotel in Kirkcaldy High Street was halted when a bulldozer driver caught sight of some partially buried bones.

Three burial cists – or ancient coffins – emerged in the subsequent dig, two of which held skeletons while the other contained the pot, a flint arrowhead and a flint knife.

The vessel was added to the collection at Kirkcaldy Museum and Art Gallery and has undergone conservation work after curators noticed the item had become unstable.

It has now gone on display again for the first time since 2011 when it was part of an exhibition called *Changing Places*.

The recent conservation work was carried out at the Scottish Conservation Studio in Edinburgh, where specialists preserved the vessel using a reversible adhesive that allows the pot to be dismantled again, if need be.

Jane Freel, a curator with OnFife, a cultural charity, which manages the Kirkcaldy collections on behalf of Fife council, said: “We’re thrilled that visitors can now see this magnificent object for themselves as it offers a fascinating glimpse into Kirkcaldy’s distant past.”

When it was found, the patterned clay vessel, which is about six inches in diameter and height, was reconstructed by University of Glasgow archaeologists. The pot has been partially filled as only 75 per cent of the original vessel survives.

The filled material was then painted a different shade to the original so visitors can tell where additions have been made. The work was funded by Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries.

A grant from the Historic Environment Support Fund means post-excavation analysis of the other objects found at the site, including the human remains, can now go ahead at the University of Glasgow.

Marta Innes, who is part of the university’s archaeology team, said: “It’s a rare privilege to reanalyse an ancient object so many years after its discovery.

“We’re hopeful this will help us better understand the prehistoric life of the local area.”

At last, the secret to cutting your wine intake: try a smaller glass

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

IF you want to drink less wine, drink from a smaller glass, a University of Cambridge study has suggested.

The research shows that households that drank wine from smaller glasses consumed around 6.5 per cent less than those drinking from larger ones.

The trial recruited 260 UK households that consumed at least two 75cl bottles of wine each week. During two 14-day intervention periods, each household was randomly given bottles

of wine for the fortnight. Some were given 75cl bottles and others were given 37.5cl. They also randomly received small 290ml glasses or large 350ml glasses to drink the study wine with.

At the end of the 14th day and the 28th day, the researchers looked at how much wine was left in each bottle.

Dr Eleni Mantzari, from the Behaviour and Health Research Unit at the university and co-author, found that those drinking from the smaller glasses drank around 6.5 per cent less. This is 253ml or a third of a bottle less per fortnight.

It also revealed that drinking from a smaller bottle reduced the amount of wine drunk by 3.6 per cent. This is 146ml less per fortnight.

Dr Mantzari said: “Wine is the most commonly drunk alcoholic beverage in Europe, including the United Kingdom, and most wine is consumed in homes rather than in bars, restaurants or pubs.

“Using smaller glasses to drink wine at home may reduce consumption.

“Greater uncertainty remains around the possible effect of drinking from smaller bottles.” She added: “Alcohol

consumption is a major contributor to premature death and disease globally. Reducing alcohol consumption would decrease the risk of a range of non-communicable diseases, including some

6.5pc

Reduction in wine consumed in households that drank from smaller glasses compared to those drinking from larger ones

cancers, cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

“Interventions that target aspects of the physical environments that cue unhealthy behaviour, such as product affordability, availability and size, have significant potential to have scalable impacts at a population level, including on reducing harmful alcohol consumption.”

On average, the size of wine glasses has increased dramatically over the last three decades. This benefits bars and restaurants as using larger glasses

increases the amount of wine sold, but it can lead to customers drinking more.

The study, published in the scientific journal *Addiction*, highlights that reducing the size of wine glasses could contribute to policies for reducing drinking, including pricing glasses according to capacity to increase the demand for smaller glasses and regulating glass sizes in bars to help change the societal norm that the larger the glass, the better.

While our nation grieves, it’s the little things that shine through

JANE SHILLING



On Thursday morning, I was apple-picking when a friend texted that the Queen’s doctors were concerned for her health. In the parched days of late summer, dozens of windfalls had dropped from the mossy branches of our old Bramley and I was afraid the harvest would be small. But by the evening, when the Queen’s death was announced, I had enough apples for a winter’s worth of pies, crumbles and sauce. On Friday, the flag flew at half mast on the church tower next door, where the bell-ringers rang a half-muffled peal. The branches of our damson trees were heavy with blue-bloomed fruit; I picked as many as I could and left the rest for the birds.

The damson pulp dripped in its jelly bags as I listened to the radio broadcast of the new King Charles III’s address to the nation. On Saturday, the ancient pageantry of the Accession ceremony was punctuated by anxious scrutiny of the sugar thermometer as the jelly seethed in its pan. Throughout the days since the Queen’s death, there have been many such small collisions between the momentous and the quotidian.

Amid the solemn pageantry and the strangely personal sense of grief felt even by those of us who never met her, it is the everyday details that stand out most poignantly. The young Princess Elizabeth playing tag aboard HMS Vanguard in 1947; Lady Glenconner, one of the Queen’s maids of honour, recalling the Marquess of Cholmondeley making a hash of doing up the press-studs on her linen Coronation robe; a documentary clip in which the Queen rather wistfully remarked that one of the nice things about summers at Balmoral was that she could sleep in her own bed for six weeks. Queen Mary told the young Princess’s governess,

Marion Crawford, that her grand-daughter should study history rather than arithmetic, as she would “never do [her] own household books”. But if Edward VIII had not abdicated, it is easy to imagine the Queen living a life rather like that of the late Debo, Duchess of Devonshire: chatelaine of a great house, a tweed-skirted regular at county shows, selling her own excellent jam in the estate farm shop, on whose books she kept a close eye.

Such a life might have made her happy; but one of the things she relinquished on becoming Queen was the luxury enjoyed by her subjects, of flirting with a range of imaginary destinies to see which might prove the best fit. Still, among the innumerable tributes a hint came from an unexpected source that between official engagements, the Queen might have found time for some modest domestic distractions. The former Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, tweeted, “I enjoyed discussing our families, gardens and jam-making with her.”

In the final pages of his memoir of bereavement, *The Madness of Grief*, the Rev Richard Coles describes how, while mourning his partner, David, he saw a crab-apple tree, laden with fruit. He gathered the apples and made “bittersweet preserve”.

As the Proclamation of the Accession of our only lawful and rightful liege lord, Charles III, by the grace of God, was read out in our village church and in churches across the realm, my pots of damson jelly stood on the kitchen worktop, glowing a regal crimson-purple where the light caught them. The bittersweetness of the changing season, sealed in a jar.



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Queen Elizabeth taught us who we are and what it means to be British

It may be paradoxical, but our parliamentary democracy depends on our hereditary monarchy

NICK TIMOTHY



When the ceremony and splendour cease, and the acts of commemoration pass, the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the succession of King Charles III will prompt introspection and, perhaps, some national angst. After such a long and remarkable reign, which began with Churchill in No 10 and Britain still an imperial power, it is reasonable that we will ask about who and where we are now.

This is natural enough. In remembering the late Queen, we are bound to look back: to what we once were and how we have changed. And in celebrating our new King, we are bound to contemplate the challenges that lie ahead. The continuity provided by the monarchy helps us to put those challenges into perspective – for it reminds us of what we have endured before – and a confidence that we can, once more, prevail.

And in prompting the question of who we are, of what it means to be British today, the monarchy also provides its own, and indeed our best, answer.

Not because the qualities of Queen Elizabeth – duty, service, constancy, stoicism and faith – are qualities we all share, for we do not. Nor because those

qualities add up to an idealised Britishness, for such ideals are for fools. We can take inspiration from the character and life of the late Queen, but the good in the woman does not necessarily mean the same good is in us, the country.

No, the monarchy helps to answer who we are through an understanding of what it is, what it does, and how Queen Elizabeth, and now King Charles, have served us.

First and foremost, the monarchy is a unifying national institution. It has no truck with party politics. It takes no sides in divisive debates. It sees its people – whatever their differences of belief, opinion, religion, race, social class or geography – as the equal subjects we are. Through its great convening power it can, as Charles said in his first speech as King on Friday, “bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given”.

In playing this role, the monarchy disproves the nonsense so often espoused by political leaders. For there are no such things as “British values”.

Of course, there are values we can admire, and there are values we can, and do, decide are unwelcome in our society. But our values – and our interests as individuals living in a complex country of tens of millions of people – are unavoidably and incessantly in conflict.

My security may be endangered by your freedom. Your pursuit of solidarity and justice may cost others. The mediation and resolution of these conflicts, and recognition that they cannot be permanently reconciled, is the purpose of politics.

And yet politics is dependent upon the unifying ability of institutions like the monarchy. For what makes us feel the camaraderie and solidarity necessary to make sacrifices for one

another? To accept limitations on our freedoms for the sake of others? To pay taxes to fund services and welfare payments for those less fortunate? To observe laws we might not find sensible? To risk our lives in the defence of our country? The answer is the sense of solidarity and citizenship made possible by a shared identity.

A common culture, and strong national institutions like the monarchy, are what help us to recognise familiarity in strangers. Britain is not unique in having such institutions, but our institutions are uniquely British. And we are fortunate that so many of them – not just the monarchy, but others such as Parliament and our Armed Forces – are so old and durable.

The pomp, the ceremony, the symbolism: it all contributes to our identity and belonging. It connects us to one another – for we all have Their Majesties in common – and to our ancestors and history.

Critics laugh at the customs connected to monarchy. Some mock the courtiers dressed in medieval costumes, proclaiming the succession of Charles III to crowds of people who already know the news. Some say it is time to stop bowing and curtsying before members of the Royal family. A tiny fringe wants the monarchy replaced with a presidency.

Yet all this misses the point. The respect we show for the royals reflects esteem not only for them as individuals, but also as symbols of the stable constitutional settlement their family provides for us. It reflects our acceptance of their status as the protectors – not the participants – of the democratic political system that sits beneath them. It may be paradoxical, but our parliamentary democracy depends on our hereditary



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monarchy. And there are other ways it helps to bind us together.

It creates moments – the royal weddings, the jubilees, the funerals, the births of princes and princesses – for us to celebrate and commemorate and from which to forge new shared memories. Its rules – the titles, the formalities, the honours, the bowing and the curtsying – create a kind of national code that few outsiders understand.

Its connections to places – Buckingham Palace, of course, but the likes of Windsor, Sandringham, Balmoral, Holyrood and Westminster Hall, where the late Queen will lie in state – connect us to monarchy and to those places too.

For what it means to be British is not to hold a particular value dear, or to behave in an idealised or stereotypical manner. It is to be shaped by centuries of history, local and national institutions, places of import and significance, unifying moments, collective memories, a common culture, our climate, our food, our language.

Even those who reject some or all of this inheritance – Christianity, perhaps, or our democratic institutions – cannot avoid being shaped by it.

As much as any other institution, the monarchy has played its part in making modern Britain. And in our lifetimes Queen Elizabeth, as much as any other individual, helped to forge who we are today.

As King Charles noted in his address to the nation, our country has been transformed in the past 70 years. Like the monarchy, Britain has always changed and somehow remained the same. It is natural that the Queen’s death should prompt us to ask who are, but it is in her life and achievements that we can find the answer.

The pomp, ceremony, symbolism: it all contributes to our identity and belonging. It connects us

Putin’s dream is collapsing before our eyes

If Ukraine can sustain its impressive gains, the Kremlin knows that its war ambitions are in trouble

CON COUGHLIN



It is a sure sign that Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine is not going exactly to plan when even Russian officials are conceding that they have suffered a major defeat during the latest Ukrainian offensive.

Throughout this conflict, the Kremlin’s first instinct on suffering any serious setback on the battlefield is to indulge in a blatant cover-up. This was the case in April when the Ukrainians succeeded in destroying the Moskva, the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet. Rather than admit the warship had been sunk by missile strikes, Moscow instead tried to persuade the Russian public that a mysterious onboard explosion had been to blame.

That Russian commentators are now

readily conceding that the Ukrainians have achieved a “significant victory” through their dramatic assault against Russia’s northern front suggests that, for all the Kremlin’s spin, Putin’s military adventure in Ukraine is in real trouble.

According to the latest military assessments, Ukraine’s push to capture several strategic strongholds around the north-eastern city of Kharkiv has clawed back territory equating to roughly the size of Lancashire. In what will constitute Russia’s worst defeat since March, when Moscow was forced to abandon its attempts to capture the capital Kyiv, Ukrainian forces have succeeded in taking back dozens of towns and villages close to Kharkiv.

The surprise offensive, which began six days ago, could have potentially catastrophic implications for Russian forces, as the breakthrough means the Ukrainians are now in a position to threaten Russia’s vital supply lines.

In particular, the capture of the strategically important town Kupiansk by Ukraine’s 92nd Mechanised Brigade on Friday is a major setback for the Russian forces. Kupiansk is the main supply depot for the tens of thousands of Russian forces operating in the Kharkiv area, and its capture means

that as many as 15,000 Russian troops are now completely surrounded, without access to military supplies.

The scale of the disaster is forcing even pro-Russian officials to acknowledge that the Ukrainians are gaining ground in key areas of the conflict. Vitaly Ganchev, a Russian-appointed official based in the region, admitted that Ukraine had won what he called a “significant victory”, while Russian-installed regional officials have called on civilians to evacuate the nearby city of Izium.

Even Moscow concedes that its front line in the Kharkiv region has collapsed, although Russian defence officials insist this is merely a tactical withdrawal that will enable their forces to regroup and launch a counter-offensive.

Nevertheless, the columns of abandoned Russian tanks and heavy weapons that litter the recaptured territory tell another story, suggesting that the tide of the conflict has now swung decisively in Kyiv’s favour.

The Ukrainian breakthrough certainly indicates that, far from being the weaker force in the conflict, the Ukrainian military has both the resources and expertise to make a decisive impact on the battlefield against what is technically supposed to



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be a vastly superior Russian force, both in terms of equipment and manpower.

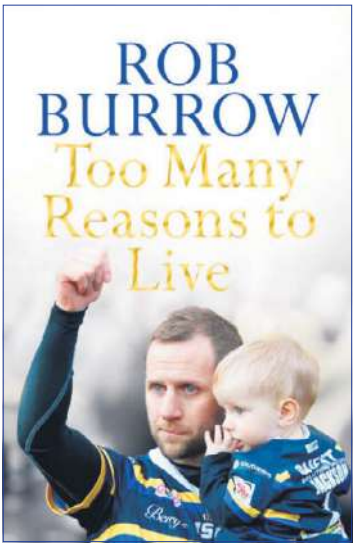
Progress around Kharkiv, for example, has been achieved through a classic diversionary tactic; Ukraine’s actions suggested that its main objective was to recapture the key strategic southern city of Kherson, which controls access to Russian-occupied ports in Crimea. The Ukrainian move against Kherson forced Russia to redeploy forces further south, thereby weakening its defences in the Kharkiv region.

The Ukrainian war effort, moreover, has benefited enormously from the military support it has received from Nato states such as Britain and the US, especially the long-range Himar missile systems that have enabled the Ukrainians to target and destroy Russian military installations with deadly precision. By contrast, the Russian military appears demoralised and incapable of mustering an effective response against the Ukrainian onslaught, a situation that does not bode well for Putin’s dream of reuniting Ukraine with Mother Russia.

If the Ukrainians can sustain the impressive military gains they have achieved over the past few days, then Putin will soon find himself starting into the abyss of a catastrophic defeat.

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The Queen’s love of Scotland was repaid

It was the saddest journey. As the hearse carrying the body of the late Queen, draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, emerged from the gates of Balmoral, the reality of the nation's loss became apparent.

Thousands lined the 175-mile route through glorious Deeside countryside to Aberdeen, on to Dundee, skirting Perth and then through Fife to Edinburgh, where the coffin remained overnight in the Throne Room of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Today, it will be taken up the Royal Mile to St Giles’ Cathedral, where she will lie in state for 24 hours, before being flown to London.

It is appropriate that Her Majesty’s final days were spent in the Balmoral home she loved and in a country where she spent so much of her time. The huge crowds along the route, and in Edinburgh itself, attested to the affection in which she was held in Scotland despite the pressures for independence and the rise of Scottish nationalism, a vanishingly small political phenomenon at the outset of her reign 70 years ago.

The ceremonials accompanying the death of the monarch and the proclamation of the new King have involved Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister, and other senior members of the Scottish government and establishment.

Outside St Giles’ Cathedral yesterday, Charles was proclaimed monarch from the Mercat Cross by Lord Lyon King of Arms in a ceremony replete with tradition and heraldic pomp. The clergy and judges of Scotland were resplendent in their formal wear, as were the Royal Company of Archers, the sovereign’s personal bodyguard, in their green livery, bows and arrows at the ready. The national anthem was sung with gusto. A few boos could be heard from separatists objecting to the proclamation, but they were in a small minority. Similar events took place across the United Kingdom, in Wales at Cardiff Castle and Hillsborough in Northern Ireland.

Mindful of her popularity, the SNP has long maintained that it would retain the monarch after independence – the Queen would have been Elizabeth I of Scotland had the referendum in 2014 gone the other way.

For centuries, the monarchy has been the constitutional glue for both Britain and the UK. The English and Scottish parliaments stayed separate for more than 100 years after the merger of the crowns in 1603, despite James VI and I’s best endeavours to unite them.

Queen Victoria was another monarch who loved Scotland, and it was she who purchased Balmoral, where she spent much of her lengthy widowhood. That reinforced the royal connection with Scotland that was very much in evidence yesterday on the Queen’s final journey through her northern realm.

Indeed, because she was in Balmoral for the transition of political power at Westminster just two days before her death, Scotland has been at the centre of national events for much of the past week. Will this make a difference to the political dynamic as the SNP push for another referendum?

Much of the nationalist case rests on a view that Westminster is remote and indifferent to the interests of Scotland, and yet here it is playing a key role at a pivotal moment in this island’s history. The received wisdom is that the Scots are less enamoured of the monarchy than the rest of the UK – with less enthusiasm on display during the Platinum Jubilee festivities – and yet the size of the crowds lining the route of the cortege belies this.

Some may see the turnout more as a sign of personal affection for Queen Elizabeth II and less an indication of widespread Scottish warmth for the institution of monarchy. Yet, in death, she may have helped reinvigorate the Union just as it was beginning to wobble once more.

She has opened the Scottish Parliament in every year since it was recreated in 1998 and treats nationalists no different from any other politicians, thus helping to disarm republican sentiment. It would be fanciful to say it no longer exists; but the reaction in Scotland suggests it is a minority view.

The streets of Edinburgh will be packed again today when the Queen’s coffin is taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles’ for the Service of Thanksgiving for her extraordinary life.

The Union was central to her reign and judging by the response to her passing in all corners of the UK, the idea remains intact among its people. She has left King Charles, who will be in the Scottish capital today, with a precious legacy.

Just a small one, then

A Matt cartoon, a few years ago, showed a reveller clutching a giant wine goblet with the comment “I never have more than one glass”. It satirised the fact that our intake of alcohol is measured in units, with six glasses a week considered a healthy limit. Now academia has caught up. A University of Cambridge study has established the hardly surprising fact that if you want to drink less, then use smaller glasses. According to researchers, households that did consumed around 6.5 per cent less wine than those drinking from larger ones, with commensurate improvements in health. But surely it depends on how many glasses you drink, or is that to be the subject of another study? Perhaps the best deterrent to overindulgence is smaller bottles.



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Queen Elizabeth’s enduring legacy is the sense of duty that King Charles has already displayed

SIR – I was astonished and inspired by the composure and stoicism of King Charles, so soon after his beloved mother’s death.

The legacy of her sense of duty will surely endure.
Cameron Morice
Reading, Berkshire

SIR – In no other profession is someone who has witnessed the death of his mother less than 48 hours previously expected to assume a new role immediately and carry on, hardly having time to draw breath.

A tough job, but, as demonstrated by King Charles on Saturday, one that he is more than able to take on.

God save the King.
Marilyn Parrott
Altrincham, Cheshire

SIR – My wife and I had the honour of being introduced to the then Prince of Wales in 2001, when invited to a private view to mark the opening of an exhibition by the artist Emma Sergeant, held at the Prince’s Foundation in east London.

After shaking hands, he asked me whether I knew a person that he mentioned and when I said no, he responded by telling us of a situation he had witnessed, which involved this person at a similar event and which he had found hilarious.

This showed that he had a sense of humour and the ability to put people at ease immediately, as did his mother, our much beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

King Charles served a very long apprenticeship for the role of Head of State and I firmly believe he is well equipped to follow in the steps of his mother in serving this country.

Long live King Charles III.
John Weaver
Woodbridge, Suffolk

SIR – Queen Elizabeth II is probably the only statesman ever to make a promise and keep it to the very end. What an example for us all to follow.

Tim Sharp
Chirnside, Berwickshire

SIR – Queen Elizabeth made Britain great in the eyes of the world.

Dr Paul WF Johnston
Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire

SIR – I always knew I admired and respected Queen Elizabeth. I never realised how much I loved her till last Thursday.
Jo-Ann Rogers
Alsager, Cheshire

SIR – The recent sad events have emphasised that Britain is unsurpassed in pageantry.
Keith Ferris
Coxheath, Kent

SIR – I have one wish only for Queen Elizabeth’s state funeral: that the television commentators do not interrupt the spectacle as much as they did during Saturday’s formal accession ceremony.

Phil Angell
Helston, Cornwall

SIR – A special mention of thanks must go to Penny Mordaunt who, after only a few days in office as Lord President of the Council, found herself having to perform a hugely significant task not undertaken since 1952 and never before in public.

With the eyes of the world on her, she undertook her historic role with elegance and dignity.

Sandra Jones
Old Cleeve, Somerset

SIR – On Friday I unexpectedly received a letter of condolence for the death of Queen Elizabeth from a Moroccan lady called Aicha with whom I worked when she was quality manager in a sardine cannery in Casablanca. Nobody can ever have



King Charles with the late Queen Elizabeth at the State Opening of Parliament in 2019

been so revered and loved throughout the world as our late Queen.

Les Bratt
Cleeve Prior, Worcestershire

SIR – How wonderful that, even after her death, our marvellous late Queen has bequeathed the extraordinary feat of bringing humanity together in grief.
Charles Cooper
Southwold, Suffolk

SIR – Like millions of people all over Britain, I hope the late Queen’s love of Scotland and the Scottish people will strengthen our Union.

Nicola Sturgeon wants to deprive us all of its historical, practical and emotional importance.

Camilla Coats-Carr
Teddington, Middlesex

SIR – This is such a sad time for so many of us. The memory of one small incident fills me with warmth.

As the new, and very young, Queen and Duke of Edinburgh came down the steps of the aeroplane that had brought them back from Kenya in 1952, I could see on the lapel of her black coat that she was wearing the flame lily brooch (emblem of Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe).

It had been made specially for her on the occasion of her 21st birthday and was the gift of the children of Rhodesia, who had donated their pocket money. I was one of those proud children.

Pauline Last
Send, Surrey

SIR – When my daughter was seven years old, Queen Elizabeth visited her primary school. She was lined up with other children, and, as luck would have it, the Queen stopped to talk to her.

Recounting the moment, my excited daughter exclaimed that the Queen had asked her some questions and “she was really interested in me!” I took the opportunity to point out to her that if the Queen of England could make a little girl of seven so happy just by being interested, then she, too, should follow that example.

It became a mantra in our household: good manners are about making others feel special.

Lowri Coulten
Boughton, Norfolk

SIR – In November 1988 Queen Elizabeth was due to attend the reopening of the south transept at York Minster, following a fire in 1984. This service was my first big event as a songman in the choir.

After many rehearsals (involving a stand-in with a placard round her neck proclaiming “I am the Queen”), the service was magnificent, but I especially remember the

overwhelmingly powerful feelings while singing the national anthem with the Queen mere feet away. It was a very special moment.

Gary Griffiths
Spittal, Northumberland

SIR – Some years ago, I took a group of ethnically diverse sixth-formers to see a performance of *My Fair Lady* at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

As the second half was about to begin, a spotlight suddenly illuminated a balcony box to reveal Queen Elizabeth. The whole crowd, including my pupils and fellow teachers, many of whom were dyed-in-the-wool republicans, stood up and applauded the monarch enthusiastically.

This was the effect she had on people. I can’t think of many human beings who could have elicited such a response.

Stan Labovitch
Windsor, Berkshire

SIR – I read in my 1952 diary: “The King died last night. The news was not public till this morning, and we heard at school and had a short service in the gym. We found it quite unbelievable. His reign had been taken so much for granted and it was so sudden, and now Princess Elizabeth is Queen. Still it seems quite incredible. It was a cold, crisp and grey day. Cinemas, theatres and the BBC were closed.”

Other comments that day included: “I received a picture of Gregory Peck for 6d. I tried smoking.”

Catherine Hayne
Codford, Wiltshire

SIR – The cancellation of the Last Night of the Proms (Letters, September 11) saddened me. In 1952 I was at boarding school in Carlisle and when word came of the death of King George VI we left our chemistry lab and joined everybody in the hall where the chaplain conducted a short service.

In the evening we were due to go to a concert by the Hallé Orchestra and the pianist Lev Pouishnoff. This concert took place and we began with a short period of silence and reflection followed by magnificent music, after which we all joined together to sing *God Save the Queen*.

It seemed right to share the moment with so many others.
Rosemary Smith
Leigh, Lancashire

SIR – When the late Queen’s father, King George VI, passed away in February 1952, I was finishing my national service trade training at Catterick Camp. A gun was brought to the parade ground to sound a salute.

The following month I was posted to Korea where, in June 1953, I led the Royal Signals detachment at the First

Commonwealth Division Coronation Day parade. We marched past British and American Generals and the President of South Korea, Syngman Rhee. For most of the day the Royal Artillery fired red, white and blue smoke shells into enemy territory, to the bewilderment, I imagine, of the Chinese troops opposite.

Bernard Bowler
Leeds, West Yorkshire

SIR – On February 6 1952 I was a Naval airman 2nd class, a month from being 18 years old and under training at HMS Gamecock in Warwickshire.

Awaiting draft, I was working in the communications centre. Suddenly the chief yeoman burst into the room with a signal in his hand. He shouted loudly at me: “The King is dead, get up on to the flag deck and lower the ensign to half mast.”

I was a bit wary of this order as I had been the butt of spurious errands to stores for sky hooks and rubber screws. I soon realised my mistake. So, up I went and lowered the ensign.

Fast forward 70-odd years. Last Thursday afternoon my wife’s daughter rang us and asked if I would go to her friend’s house and lower the Union flag in their garden. I readily agreed and repeated my actions from 70 years earlier.

On the way home I thought about the improbability of being involved in these two major historic events. For myself it was a unique double and an experience I and my family will treasure.

Bruce Crawford
Modbury, Devon

SIR – In 1976 I was a Scotland Yard officer working with the *Bundeskriminalamt* (German federal police) in West Germany when my liaison officer told me that as a junior officer 11 years previously he was part of a detail to welcome Queen Elizabeth on a state visit.

She was arriving by train and a senior officer suggested to my chum that it might be a good idea to erect a canopy between the main building and the platform’s edge, in case of inclement weather. As it was May and the weather was warm, the junior officer decided not to, but on the day of the Queen’s arrival, it started to rain – heavily.

The senior officer panicked. Now he said that he had insisted on a canopy being erected, that my chum was guilty of gross dereliction of duty and disobedience of orders, and that he’d be guarding the Brandenburg Gate for the rest of his service.

As the Queen’s train hove into sight, the pouring rain actually intensified. The train arrived, the carriage door opened and at that moment the rain stopped, the sun came out and the Queen, with a dazzling smile, alighted on to the platform.

“My God,” muttered the grey-faced official. “She really is a queen.”

Dick Kirby
Great Welnetham, Suffolk

SIR – I was born on Princess Elizabeth’s 21st birthday at 7am. As long as I can remember my parents would tell me that the playing of the national anthem at 7am on the radio on April 21 was to commemorate my birth.

I have never missed that 7am playing of the anthem, and I shall miss it in future. Fortunately my wife shares the birthday of King Charles III, so I will still awake at 7am, albeit on November 14.

Patrick White
London SW19

SIR – What are crossword compilers going to do now that they can no longer use the many synonyms for the late Queen Elizabeth to indicate the letters ER?

Anthony Gibbs
Wilmslow, Cheshire

Don’t cancel things: keep calm and carry on

The elite assumes it’s the ‘right thing’ to do, but even in 1952 the British public weren’t so keen

TIM STANLEY



By chance, I was in church when the news of Elizabeth II’s death emerged – the perfect place to be. The priest interrupted, at a natural break, to make the announcement, people gasped (yes, they gasped) and then we continued with the order of service. I have no doubt whatsoever that’s what the late Queen would have wanted.

But now we’re hit with a mania of cancellations: football matches, the Proms, the Great North Run, betting, bin collections, strikes, even the Lib Dem conference. I punched the air when I heard the last one, but the rest – is it appropriate? Is it for the right reasons? Or is that no one wants to be the only person to keep their event going, lest someone ask “why *didn’t* you cancel?”

I applaud the desire to “do the right thing”, but I don’t think we should assume it’s always what’s done.

Plenty of things were cancelled in 1952, when George VI died, including

the rugby (though footer went ahead). Cinemas and theatres closed on the day; most, however, reopened. Many pubs never stopped service (well, you need a pint when you get news that bad). According to David Kynaston’s splendid history of the 1950s, *Family Britain*, the most obvious change in the daily routine was that the BBC fell silent, but for news, weather and dreary music.

“My husband was so fidgety,” recorded the diarist Nella Last, “he counted up the days till he could expect the wireless programmes he likes” – noting that it made little sense to pull comedies off the air when the late King was known to be a fan of them.

You’d imagine that 1950s Britain would embrace such deprivation with cold-bath stoicism. It did not. One survey found 59 per cent of Britons disapproved of the BBC’s coverage.

This had consequences. The Tory Party swung in favour of ending the corporation’s monopoly, permitting the creation of commercial TV. Labour MP Richard Crossman blamed this on its “high-handed performance during the King’s funeral... if there had been a rival, the BBC couldn’t have closed the service down.”

Middle-class do-gooders argued that the BBC existed precisely to uphold sober standards; working-class viewers demanded more game shows; the Tories were sick of the bias. “For 11 years [the BBC] kept me off the air,” claimed Churchill. “Their behaviour has been tyrannical. They

are honeycombed with socialists – probably communists.”

See, even the culture war is nothing new. Kynaston’s point is that after the King’s death, the establishment automatically followed a protocol that probably seemed appropriate on paper but was increasingly out of step with how many people ordered their own lives, a tension that is more avoidable nowadays because if you’ve had enough of monarchy on your old-fashioned TV, you can always switch over to Netflix or Amazon.

Back in the 1950s, society might have seemed more cohesive because technology imposed cultural coherence upon it. There was no escape. Not that I’m implying the feeling of loss wasn’t general, real and powerful. In ‘52, two young men refused to take part in the two-minute silence and were almost lynched.

The novelist Mollie Panter-Downes wrote that the widespread grief “proved beyond doubt the impossibility of Britain’s ever entering into any European federation, since Britons are already federated into a family that loyalties and traditions bred in its bones”. Hear, hear!

◆ When someone dies, you pause. You should; you need to. But a critical part of handling death is carrying on, and it’s notable how swiftly the monarchy does this. At the end of the church service I attended, the priest said, “The Queen is dead. God save the King!” There was hardly a breath between sentences.

Funeral traditions direct grief; they give us space to vent, they give us words to express our feelings. Monarchy adds to this a purposeful overwhelmment, such that the theatre of ceremony directs emotion away from death to rebirth, endings to new beginnings – emphasising a cycle of change and renewal that feels out of space, out of time.

Seeing the bearskin hats, the little red soldiers marching and the kilts and bagpipes blaring, I wondered if we were in 2022 or 1952 or 1936? It leaves one breathless, no pausing to notice how anachronistic it is, or its claims entirely undemocratic – and custom cleverly compromises those involved, so that by the time Charles had signed documents affirming the Protestant faith, all that speculation about him redefining his role for a multicultural tomorrow is forgotten.

And did you notice how excited Sir Keir Starmer seemed to be – a republican in his youth, but who described his knighthood as the proudest day of his parents’ lives? This is how we avoided revolution: by having a divinely approved monarchy that flatters even socialists.

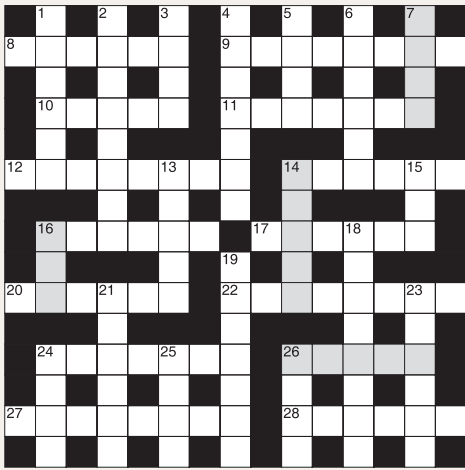
Charles will be a good King. We will surmount our problems. Britain is always in crisis, always mucking things up and making silly changes we later regret, yet we remain the same people by stubbornly carrying on, by refusing to be swept away by history.

That’s the enigma of a country where every upheaval is met with, “well, I think I’ll put the kettle on”.

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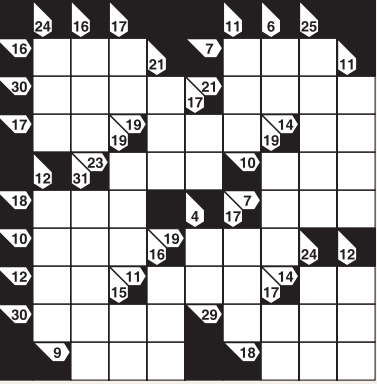
- ACROSS**
8 Forename of the author of stories featuring Sherlock Holmes, including *A Study in Scarlet* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (6)
9 Genus of plants in the tea family with rose-like blooms (8)
10 Narrow-waisted "yellow jackets" in the order that includes ants, bees, hornets and sawflies (5)
11 Substance burnt for its aroma, such as amber, cedar, champak, cinnamon or sandalwood (7)
12 Plain earrings in the form of little gold hoops or rings; or, beams supporting railway tracks (8)
14 Cubicles allowing privacy when dining in a restaurant, making phone calls, voting etc; or, market stalls (6)
16 A shuttlecock for badminton; a child's word for a feathered vertebrate such as a sparrow; or, a golf score of one stroke under par (6)
17 A building's exterior front; a deceptive outward appearance; or, a ballet choreographed by the dance figure described in 28 Across (6)
20 Waders and mythical deliverers of newborn babies to families (6)
22 Basic operation in arithmetic signified by the plus (+) sign (8)
24 Process of manufacturing coins; or, coinage/specie collectively (7)
26 Strength of character; a natural or synthetic filament for spinning into yarn; or, dietary roughage (5)
27 Machine for cutting grass/weeds by means of a rotating cord (8)
28 Sir Frederick —, choreographer whose career was inspired by a performance by Anna Pavlova (6)
- DOWN**
1 Mason's utensil for brickwork; or, a similar tool for gardening (6)
2 Meaning "hunter", word denoting a classic French sauce of mushrooms, shallots and white wine (8)
3 Juan —, cubist who painted *Bottle of Rum and Newspaper*, *Glass of Beer* and *Playing Cards* and *Still Life with Checked Tablecloth* (4)
4 Lunar or solar astronomical event occurring during syzygy (7)
5 Initialism of the name of a government department that assesses/collects taxes (1,1,1,1)
6 Spanish word for "white" (6)
7 One of a series of graduated measurements into which clothes and shoes are divided (4)
13 Departures from buildings, motorways or theatre stages (5)
14 Insulating sheet upon which to mount an electronic circuit (5)
15 A shade or tint of a colour (3)
16 Mouthpiece such as a snaffle for a bridle; the end of a soldering iron; a coin; or, a morsel to eat (3)
18 German motorway with derestricted high-speed zones (8)
19 Troops mounted on dromedaries or related animals collectively (7)
21 Pierre-Auguste —, artist whose painting *Luncheon of the Boating Party* features an affenpinscher (6)
23 "Chuckling" spotted wildcat, also called a painted leopard (6)
24 Coasters; or, small rugs (4)
25 Cephalopod limbs; heraldic insignia; or, lines of dominoes (4)
26 An imperfection in a diamond; a personality defect; or, a squall (4)

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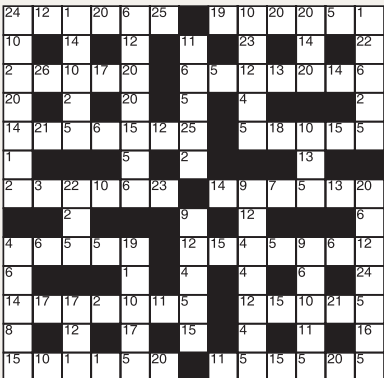
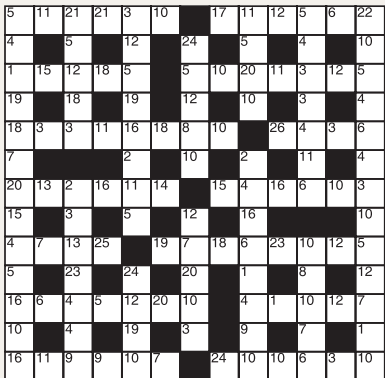
To solve kakuro you must enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares without repeating a digit. The clues are the numbers on the black squares and are the sum of the solution numbers. The clue pointers indicate the direction of the answers. A block of two squares with a clue of 3 will solve as 2,1 and a 5 will produce 4,1 or 2,3. A 4 can only be 1,3, never 2,2. *Solution tomorrow.*

GENTLE NO 4410



CODEWORDS

Numbers are substituted for letters in this crossword grid. In the smaller key grid some letters are solved. Use these as clues to complete your first word. This will solve more letters that you can then enter in the key grid and main grid. *Solutions tomorrow.*

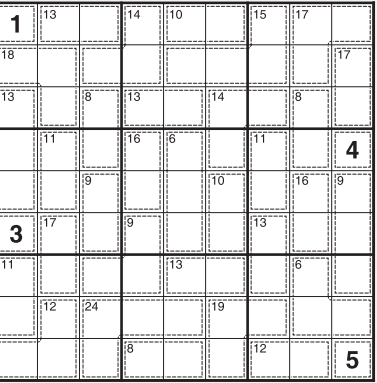


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KILLER SUDOKU

Your clues are the caged numbers that represent the sum of the numbers within the cage. As in standard sudoku, each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. *Solution tomorrow.*

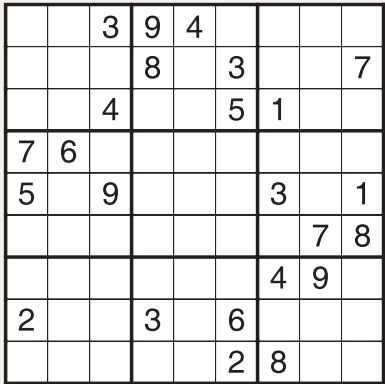
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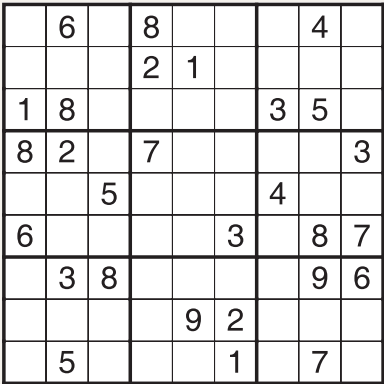
SUDOKU

To solve this puzzle each 3 x 3 box, each row and also each column must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9. There are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. *Solutions tomorrow.*

REGULAR NO 5980



TOUGH NO 5980



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POLYWORD

Using the given letters no more than once, make as many words as possible of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Capitalised words and plurals are disallowed. You can also make one word using all the nine available letters. *Solution tomorrow.*



How did you rate?

10 words - Average, 13 - Good, 16 - Very good, 19 - Excellent.

ANAGRAMS

Each of the anagrams below spells out a synonym of the word tireless. *Solution tomorrow.*

GREECE TIN
END RED TIME
RUIN STUDIOS

MIND GYM

NO 3887

Start on the left with the given number and work your way across following the instructions in each cell. Target time: 30 seconds. *Solution below.*

BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
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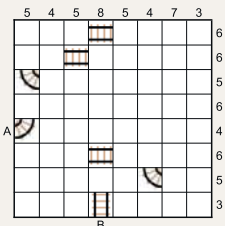
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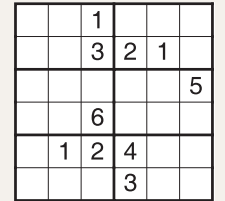
Lay down tracks to allow a train to travel from A to B. Only use straight and curved rails and the track cannot cross itself. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each column and row. *Solution tomorrow.*



MINI SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 2 x 3 box contains the numbers 1-6. *Solution tomorrow.*

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PLUSWORD

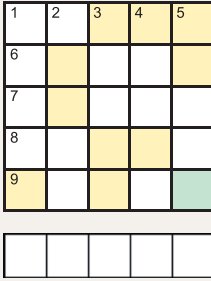
NO 113

Solve the crossword, then use letters in the shaded squares to complete the additional PlusWord. A letter in a green square appears in the same column in the PlusWord as it does in the crossword; a letter in a yellow square appears in the PlusWord, but in a different column than it does in the crossword.

There is only one possible answer for the PlusWord; it may be that the PlusWord contains letters that aren't found in the crossword, but it can always be worked out logically without guessing. *Solution tomorrow.*

- Across**
1 Glass used in artificial gems
6 Unwind
7 Japanese city
8 Accommodation for drivers
9 Used up

- Down**
1 Series of concerts
2 Writer of fables
3 Fine-grained rock
4 Film franchise starring Liam Neeson
5 Glorify



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WORD LADDER

Change just one letter to go from the top word to the bottom word. Each step must be a valid word and you cannot change the order of the letters. There are clues below for each rung, but they are not in order. For an extra challenge, try to complete the puzzle without using the clues. *Solution tomorrow.*

TRACK, _ WEDGE, SKATED, DOCK, EXPRESSED, ISOLATED

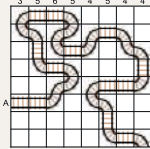
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THE SOLUTIONS

Friday's solutions

Train Tracks



Polyword: Rearguard, regard, grader, arrear, arguer, argued, urger, urged, ruder, rarer, raged, radar, guard, grade, garda, durra, auger, argue, urge, urea, rued, rude, rear, read, rare, rage, raga, guar, grad, gear, gaur, dura, drug, dreg, drag, dear, dare, aura, area, agar.

Word Ladder: Wild, wilt, welt, belt, bolt, boot, boor.

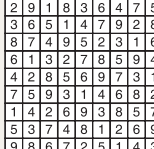
Codewords 2

1. Tom Ripley
2. Lorna Doone
3. Captain Nemo

Kakuro No 4407



Killer Sudoku No 3654



PlusWord 110

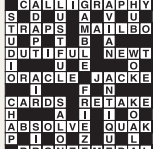


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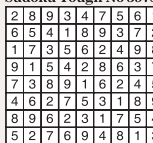


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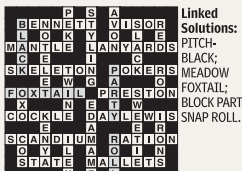
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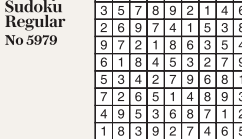
Last week's Herculis solution



Last week's winner:

David Cheffy, Hedge End, Southampton.

Sunday's Sudoku Regular No 5979



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Truss told to speed up energy help for business

Industry figures say details of support package must be hammered out in days to take effect this winter

By Tim Wallace

THE energy industry needs details of Liz Truss's promised support for businesses on power bills within days for it to take effect this winter, sources have warned.

The new Prime Minister last week set out plans to freeze energy bills at £2,500 for the average home, and promised "equivalent support" for businesses. Unlike the household scheme, few details were given on the business support with the Government pledging to unveil a more complete plan as soon as possible.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III has necessarily taken priority when it comes to government business in recent days. However, this has raised concerns that the headline policy to tackle the energy crisis may receive less attention during national mourning.

Energy industry figures said details needed to be shared with the sector urgently to give suppliers time to process them and make sure companies can benefit this winter.

"We are talking in days – we have to come up with a solution," said one source at a major power provider.

Government insiders indicate they hope to make rapid progress on designing the scheme this week, with the expectation that businesses can get help roughly as quickly as households.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, the new Business Secretary, is understood to have held joint meetings with Kwasi Kwarteng, his predecessor and the new Chancellor, and energy bosses in order to ensure continuity and speedy decision making.

Providing help to businesses is "hugely complex" because of the way in which companies pay for energy, the industry source said.

Households generally pay in line with the price cap and are largely covered by a small number of major suppliers, following the collapse of dozens of utilities firms last year. However, businesses tend to pay different rates based on their industry and usage. Companies

are not covered by the price cap, so are served by a wide range of different negotiated contracts. New support needs to cut through the morass of individual deals.

The promise of support for businesses is part of a series of reforms aimed at buttressing and bolstering Britain's energy supply.

Separately, energy producers are in talks with the Business Department to agree to cheaper longer-term contracts to sell electricity, via contracts for difference (CFD) in an effort to guarantee lower costs to consumers for the years ahead.

Chris O'Shea, chief executive of British Gas's parent company Centrica, said that "extraordinary circumstances call for us all to think differently".

"The Government support package is bold but we need to address the root cause of high prices as well as the symptoms," he said.

"Using CFD contracts for existing gas and electricity producers is the solution as it means in times of heightened global prices, the excess profit above a certain price automatically flows back to reduce consumer bills.

"We are prepared to offer our electricity production and our North Sea and Irish Sea gas production into this mechanism to help reduce energy bills for consumers and we hope others will follow."

Other major producers are also involved in the negotiations, including French power giant EDF.

Ms Truss did not put a price tag on the support package when it was announced last week. The exact cost is difficult to estimate as it involves capping bills in the face of volatile energy markets, potentially leaving the Government with no upper limit on the amount it may have to pay in subsidies.

Economists at the Institute for Fiscal Studies said the combination of a six-month package for businesses, plus the longer freeze on household bills, is likely to cost "more than £100bn over the next year alone".

George Buckley, an economist at the investment bank Nomura, said "energy price caps could cost the taxpayer £150bn over the course of the coming two years, twice the amount spent on the furlough scheme", citing reports that support for companies could cost in the region of £60bn.



Power dressing A creation from the Sergio Hudson autumn line on show at New York Fashion Week. Hudson, 38, has dressed Serena Williams and Michelle Obama in the past. Bright-coloured power tailoring with iconic belts has become his signature look.

Churchill's Savile Row tailor in Mike Ashley's sights

By Laura Ontita

MIKE ASHLEY'S Frasers Group is plotting a bid for troubled Savile Row tailor Gieves & Hawkes.

The retail giant is among a handful of interested parties expected to lodge bids for the brand after its Hong Kong owner collapsed into liquidation, Sky News reported.

Gieves & Hawkes, which was one of Sir Winston Churchill's tailors and also dressed Lord Nelson for the Battle of Trafalgar, began seeking buyers in July.

The brand is best known for its history of serving the British royal family and has held Royal Warrants since 1809.

It traces its roots to 1771, when Thomas Hawkes opened his first shop in London's Brewer Street selling military outfits to commanders of the Army and Royal Navy. Gieves Ltd acquired Hawkes in 1974, along with the freehold of 1 Savile Row.

The process of securing a buyer is understood to be at an early stage.

Mr Ashley, who made his name as the founder of Sports Direct, is well known in the City as a serial deal maker. Frasers

Mike Ashley is well known in the City as a serial deal maker and his Frasers Group is eyeing a bid for Gieves & Hawkes



recently acquired fast-fashion brands I Saw It First and Missguided as it seeks to burnish its online credentials in women's fashion.

The company, previously known as Sports Direct, has a history of buying distressed UK retailers. It has snapped up brands including Evans Cycles, Jack Wills and House of Fraser after they fell into financial distress.

Gieves & Hawkes secured a credit facility in June for an undisclosed sum from Hilco, a firm that specialises in restructuring, according to Companies House filings.

The shirt maker is part of Trinity Group, a Chinese company controlled by the Shandong Ruyi Technology Group, which appointed liquidators in December. FTI Consulting is handling Shandong Ruyi's liquidation and the sale of Gieves & Hawkes.

It previously said that it was "confident it would find the right partner [for Gieves & Hawkes] who can bring its expertise and resources to help drive future growth, maximise its value and take it to the next level."

Sales at the upmarket menswear retailer have been buoyed by weddings and social events such as Royal Ascot after a torrid time during the pandemic.

Frasers declined to comment. FTI Consulting did not respond to a request for comment.

City net-zero rules slowing electric car switch, warns mining chief

By Howard Mustoe

SELF-imposed green investment rules in the City of London risk holding back electric vehicles and battery technology, the industry has warned.

Benedikt Sobotka, co-chairman of the Global Battery Alliance, said so-called ESG rules, which encourage investors to put money into green and socially responsible projects, are starving new mining projects of funds because they are perceived as dirty under the current rules.

That is choking off the supply of key metals needed for batteries, sending

prices soaring. Lithium hydroxide prices shot up last year, quadrupling as demand outstripped supply.

Mr Sobotka estimates that 60 new lithium mines will be needed in the next 10 years to keep up with demand for metals from battery producers. An additional 40 new cobalt mines will also be required, a rate of investment that has "never been done in history", he said. New mining prospects typically take five to seven years to set up.

"If we want to transfer just the passenger vehicles to electric vehicles globally, we'll have to mine more material than there's ever been mined in the

history of the world," said Mr Sobotka, who is also chief executive of Eurasian Resources Group.

Despite the demand, many pension funds and other large investors are wary of backing mines in countries such as Congo where materials like cobalt can be found because of ESG rules, he said.

Most of the largest investment funds now have rules governing what they can invest in, rating companies on ethical and governance grounds and demanding they provide social good.

"You have to deploy a lot of capital in some complicated countries," he added. "And, on the other hand, your pension

It's important, as we build this massive supply chain, it is done in a sustainable and traceable fashion'

funds and your large investment funds – it's great to have an ESG score card for your equity investments. That's great, but a lot of the mining companies actually don't make it on that list."

While so-called ESG-compliant pension funds will happily invest in the shares of companies such as the electric carmaker Tesla, they are shunning the

mines which supply the company with its raw materials, said Mr Sobotka.

Carmakers and investors must face the fact that the metals in batteries for cars, smartphones and other consumer goods cannot be mined in G7 countries, he said. If investors do not find a way to invest, the speed of the rollout of electric vehicles is under threat.

While the transition from petrol and diesel to battery-powered vehicles is speeding up, only 10pc of cars sold around the globe last year were electric, says the International Energy Agency.

The investment case for lithium, cobalt and other metals are rising up the

ESG agenda, Mr Sobotka said, but "it doesn't actually translate into more investment from the capital markets". The value of the entire industry is dwarfed by companies such as Tesla.

The Global Battery Alliance is a 110-member group seeking to set standards in showing the provenience of mined materials. It wants a battery passport, which allows materials to be traced and shows how much carbon has been expended in their making.

"It's very important, as we build out this massive supply chain, that this is done in a sustainable and traceable fashion," said Mr Sobotka.

Heaters threat to Germany's grid

By Tim Wallace

ELECTRIC heaters could overload Germany's energy grid this winter, a supplier has warned, after a surge in demand for the products prompted by fears Russia could shut off gas supplies to central heating systems.

Kerstin Andreae of German utilities industry group BDEW said that households may create "additional problems" with heaters.

"They can overload the power grids, for example when many households in a district turn on their heaters at the same time on a cold winter evening," she told the Handelsblatt newspaper.

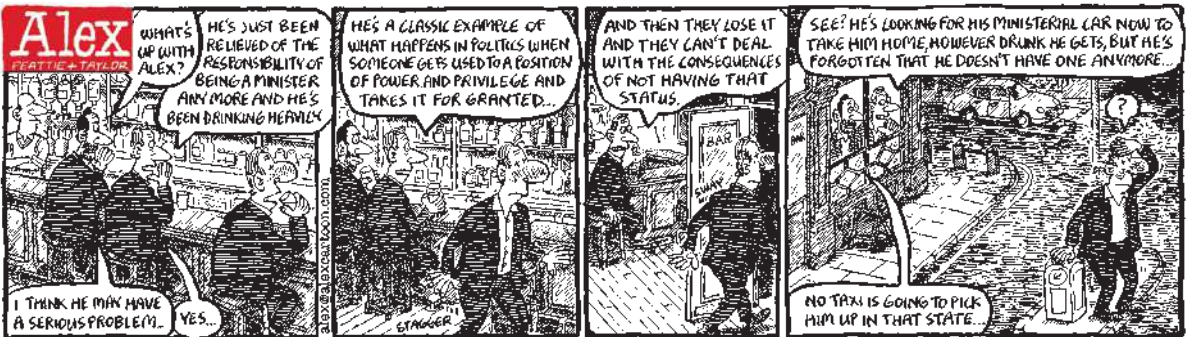
The comments come amid efforts by Berlin to encourage families and businesses to start using less energy already in a bid to preserve national gas reserves as Russia constricts the supply.

Last week, Vladimir Putin,

Russia's president, threatened to shut off the supply completely if the EU pushed ahead with a cap on gas prices.

European power networks are coming under increasing pressure from Russia's weaponisation of fuel supplies.

Signs of stress have emerged in France, which last week asked Britain and Spain to be prepared to send more electricity after too much was sold by a regional supplier.





Lucy Burton

The push for equality is too often just a smokescreen

Truss has cut the word ‘women’ from the equalities minister’s title and many fear the role is still just an afterthought, as it is in business

Liz Truss dropping the word “women” from her equalities brief while making ministerial appointments last week wasn’t the smartest PR move. Nadhim Zahawi being made the new minister for equalities alone unsurprisingly angered those who viewed the rephrasing as symbolic. Truss herself had held the title of minister for women and equalities, as it was previously.

While Truss notably pulled together a diverse Cabinet, and No10 insisted that the equalities job hasn’t changed in practice, the removal sends a signal that women have been erased. Anneliese Dodds, the shadow women and equalities secretary, tweeted that scrapping the word confirmed that women were “always an afterthought for the Tories” (a point which ignores the fact that the party has now had three female prime ministers).

When Boris Johnson put together his first Cabinet in July 2019, Amber Rudd noticed the women and equalities job had been left to one side. After asking Johnson about it, he replied that it was hers and he had forgotten. She later wrote about the exchange in this newspaper, concluding that the incident was “indicative of the position of that role within government. It is an afterthought, mostly forgotten and then clumsily attached to a woman in the Cabinet”.

Across the country, bosses struggle to balance sending out the right message and having the capacity to actually act. Most have cottoned on to the fact that throwing an extra diversity brief at a very busy, senior person doesn’t do very much in reality – but all too often this still happens. Box-ticking surveys, diversity roundtables and events or extra jobs with the word “women” chucked in tend to just be a smokescreen. What really goes on at work isn’t what you read about on a flyer at a careers fair but in the subtle messages you get each day from those in charge.

There have been major changes in recent years that have created a working environment that our parents would never have dreamt of – be it six-month parental leave or working wherever you want. But many people who work in competitive or well-paid industries feel unable to take up such perks because the stakes are too high.

Men are not comfortable accepting employer’s paternity leave packages

In the past few months I’ve had conversations with men in cut-throat sectors who admit that they feel uncomfortable accepting their employer’s generous paternity leave packages for fear it will do too much damage to their careers. Some have even been told outright by their managers,

unofficially and in hushed tones, that doing so would be a bad idea. The impressive sounding policies are there, announced loudly in corporate marketing material, but attitudes have barely budged. Family is still seen as the woman’s job, and business remains a man’s world.

This stubborn dynamic is highlighted in the shocking new book by former banker Jamie Fiore Higgins, who has just released a memoir about her near-two decades at Goldman Sachs. She recalls being “moored” at by male colleagues on the way to the bank’s lactation rooms (someone also left a toy cow on her desk), being grabbed around the neck during a violent exchange in a meeting, passing out after being forced to come into work against doctor’s advice following a miscarriage, and witnessing colleagues create a “f***ability” ranking of female staff on an Excel spreadsheet. She made it to the upper echelons of the bank – as a managing director, she was only one level below the highest rank of partner – but the prevailing attitude within the building meant she never felt as though she could use her voice. She always considered speaking up to be far too risky. At one point, she considered taking legal action against the bank but a lawyer advised her that it wouldn’t be worth it. Best to chase the next few bonuses, put up with it, and get out. It’s what thousands do every day.

Higgins’s experiences reflect the extreme end of sexism and bullying in business. Goldman has said it disagrees with her characterisation of the bank’s culture and the anonymous allegations, adding that it has a “zero tolerance policy for discrimination” and all claims are thoroughly investigated with discretion and sensitivity.

The banking sector has gone to great pains to reform its image in recent years and many staff now enjoy very generous perks. However, that doesn’t mean that everything is fine. Higgins has received nearly 200 letters and emails from people reporting similar incidents at their own workplace. The sheer volume shows just how entrenched some of corporate America’s problems really are. Behind all the well-meaning policies and corporate messaging it is clear that inequality still abounds. Women still feel discriminated against and overlooked while men still feel pressure not to take time off.

With the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis forecast to hit women the hardest, smokescreen initiatives won’t cut it. People are disappointed that Truss has removed the word “women” from the equalities role not because they are pedantic, but because they fear that opportunities for real change are disappearing.



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We face many Black Wednesdays – but good things can come from bad



ROGER BOOTLE

The Tories need to learn key lessons from economic history – and set out the right path for policy

Economists don’t usually put much store by dates but this week sees the 30th anniversary of one of the most important days in recent economic history, namely Sept 16 1992. On that fateful Wednesday, sterling was ejected from the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), which tied the pound to other European currencies, with enormous economic and political consequences, some of which we are still living with today.

The events of that day were dramatic. Interest rates went up twice, first from 10pc to 12pc and later from 12pc to 15pc. Across the country, people panicked. Many mortgage holders, appalled at the realisation that they could not possibly keep up their mortgage payments, posted the keys to their properties through the doors of their mortgage lenders.

On the second interest rate rise the stock market soared. Market operators realised the game was up. We would have to leave the ERM. The result would be that not only would sterling come down but we would be able to operate with much lower interest rates. So it proved. Even interest rates

of 15pc and massive official purchases of sterling couldn’t hold the exchange rate. By the evening we were out.

Nearly everyone who lived through that day could tell a personal tale of woe – including me. At the time I was a still youngish City economist working for HSBC. In the preceding August, having studied the events of 1931 when sterling had come off the Gold Standard, I came to the conclusion that we would be forced out of the ERM. I wrote a paper for circulation among our institutional clients which argued that interest rates would be increased to 15pc in a bid to stay in the ERM but we would be forced out and interest rates would then fall to something like 5pc. What’s more, far from being disastrous, this would lead to a strong economic recovery accompanied by low inflation.

This was a radical piece of economic research and my employer balked at its immediate publication. I was due to go on a foreign holiday and didn’t have time to talk it over with the key people in the bank before leaving. So I decided to defer the issue until I returned from holiday, hoping to persuade the bank that it would be okay to publish.

I flew back on Sept 16 and I turned on the radio to hear that we had indeed been forced out of the ERM after interest rates had been raised to 15pc. I was gutted. What would surely have been the greatest forecasting coup of my career had been scuppered. And apart from a few people inside the bank, no one would know just how my bold forecast had been vindicated.

These events were a key influence in persuading me some years later to set up my own independent consultancy, Capital Economics. Nevertheless,

The coming months will bring great adversity ... but governments should never waste a good crisis

there was an immediate silver lining. In stages, interest rates were indeed cut drastically. In the succeeding months, in research notes and newspapers and on radio and television, I assiduously promoted my message that, contrary to establishment pessimism, our ERM exit would not bring on inflation and recession but rather a strong economic recovery, accompanied by low inflation. This is indeed what transpired. Eventually, what had first been dubbed Black Wednesday, came to be known as Golden Wednesday. And I was recognised as one of the few who had foreseen this.

Several features of current economic and political reality have their origins on that day. The monetary authorities were traumatised by what had happened. Having earlier lost faith in the money supply as a way of controlling inflation, and now having failed to live with an exchange rate target, they were casting around for a new anchor for nominal values. What they hit upon, wisely in my view, was a target for the rate of inflation itself. With some subsequent modifications, this system continues to this day.

Moreover, anxious to sustain the credibility of policy in the financial markets, the government gave a more independent voice to the Bank of England. Full independence came a few years later with the arrival of the Labour government in 1997.

The events of that day also had a profound effect in making public opinion more Eurosceptic. The UK’s close involvement with this European scheme had brought us close to disaster. Despite all the earlier official protestations of how essential it was to

belong, once we were outside we did perfectly well. Indeed, the following years were some of the most successful in modern times. This whole episode was an important factor in persuading most members of the public against us joining the ERM’s successor, the euro.

I suspect that the events of that day and the subsequent years also had a major effect on the popular estimation of the ability of economic forecasters. The establishment experts had got things spectacularly wrong.

This was to have an echo much later with the so-called Project Fear documents put out by the Treasury in advance of the EU referendum in 2016. These forecasted dire consequences if we dared to vote to leave the EU. Some people may well have been cowed into voting Remain but I suspect that the dominant reaction was one of disbelief and even amused disdain – influenced by memories of what had happened on and after Black Wednesday.

But the biggest consequence of that fateful day was that the Conservatives lost their reputation for economic competence. Even though the next five years brought sustained economic growth, the Conservatives lost the 1997 election by a landslide.

The coming months are going to bring great adversity and it is going to feel as though we are living through a succession of Black Wednesdays. But good things can come out of bad. Governments should never waste a good crisis. This is the time to set out the right path for policy – and to well and truly stick to it.

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Twin Beacons of hope
‘Tribute in Light’, the display that marks the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center, is tested in lower Manhattan, New York.

Profiteering Apple remains a friend to the consumer



ANDREW ORŁOWSKI

Firm with GDP of Denmark has raised iPhone 14 price but will fight regulators and telecoms industry for us

Apple is helping us through the cost of living crisis in its own special way. Last week, it raised the price of its newest iPhone in the UK and Europe by 15 per cent.

To add insult to injury, the new model is indistinguishable from last year’s model. The iPhone 14 uses the same display, chassis and battery as the iPhone 13 and, for the first time in the iPhone’s history, the same chip as its direct predecessor, too.

Even Steve Jobs’s youngest daughter, Eve, joined in the mockery. She posted a picture of a man unwrapping a gift of the same shirt as he was wearing, with the caption: “Me upgrading from iPhone 13 to 14”.

Apple’s new iPhone Pro model is now £150 more expensive than last year. Lucky US consumers haven’t seen any price rises at all, for they reflect the mighty dollar. But you don’t reach \$167bn in annual profit, as Apple has done, by being sentimental with the Old World, and the company’s accountants aren’t cutting us any slack. On the surface, complacency and

profiteering would seem to guide Apple’s strategy. But surface appearances can be deceptive. Apple’s annual revenue gives it the GDP of a developed country – a Denmark, a Singapore or a South Africa – and behind the scenes, the Goliath is putting that influence to some good use. It’s gearing up for fresh fights with regulators and the telecoms industry, and these are fights where, if Apple comes out on top, the consumer should ultimately be the winner.

For now, the iPhone price rise will simply give cash-conscious smartphone owners a further reason to stick with what they’ve got. It has been a very long time since fans camped overnight on the streets to be the first to get the latest iPhone. “Waiting for the #iPhone14 to drop, so that iPhone 13 price drops, so that iPhone 12 price drops, so that I can buy iPhone 11” one tweeted, in a great reflection of how little really changes from year to year.

So, economising on technology purchases is one of the easier household budget decisions we can make as winter nears. Nevertheless, on closer examination, the new iPhones give us a hint of some dramatic change to come.

First, Apple has begun to remove the physical SIM card slot, beginning with the new iPhones sold only in the United States. Apple has wanted to do this for a decade, having filed its first patent for an electronic SIM, or eSIM, in 2010. Originally the size of a bank card, this has long since outlived its usefulness. Back in the late 1980s, when it was conceived, the world was

beginning to extract itself from the dominance of state-owned telephone companies, where the monopoly supplier of the phone service was also the monopoly supplier of the phone itself.

The pioneers of the mobile industry wanted to encourage a market on both sides, and the SIM card helped enforce this openness, and therefore competition. It meant you could switch service without losing the phone, or switch to a new phone without losing the service, or having to change your phone number. But today, all that can be done without the pesky plastic or the tray.

One group which objects very strongly to eSIMs of course, is the mobile networks. A virtual SIM makes switching networks as easy as waving your phone’s camera at a barcode. Mobile operators regard this with horror, as customer churn is expensive, and so we can expect to see the industry respond with carrots and sticks. Carrots in the form of inducements for loyalty, and sticks in the form of ever-longer and stickier contracts.

A more dramatic re-ordering of the mobile industry is hinted at with the introduction of satellite reception into iPhones. At first this will be very limited: the new models will support an emergency SOS service that connects the owner to the rest of the world in a location where no mobile network can reach them. Even this bare bones service – it can’t handle text, only exchange canned responses – has taken years to assemble.



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The emerging space communications market is complex and multi-sided, and we’re only just beginning to see the tectonic plates move. The consumer and auto industries, allied to the burgeoning space industry, must grapple with national and international regulators and legacy telecoms interests.

In other areas, telecoms companies can use the new fleets of satellites to make their networks more resilient, or even deliver service directly. For example, one ambitious venture by Vodafone and satellite company AST sees vast tennis-court sized vehicles unfold in space, that beam signals directly to a standard handset. Another, Lynk, wholesales Apple’s SOS to any mobile operator. But one key battleground will be the radio standards body the ITU-R, where Apple and satellite companies want the internationally regulated power of satellite transmissions to be increased. “Only Apple has the weight to make this happen,” one expert tells me.

An irony emerges. Apple is under competition scrutiny like never before, and the burgeoning “hipster antitrust” movement has declared war on anything big. They don’t care bigger than Apple, of course. But when it comes to breaking down regulatory barriers and disrupting industry inertia, only a giant has the muscle to make it happen.

Good Apple or Bad Apple? It’s both at the same time.

Andrew Orłowski tweets @andreworlowski

How the botched banking hub rollout left people struggling for cash

The high street lenders promised to replace their closed branches with mega-hubs but, months later, most people are still waiting, says *Patrick Mulholland*

Lutterworth, in Leicestershire, is a typical English market town. There is a Church Street, which leads to the 13th century parish church. A High Street, with a town hall in the neoclassical style. A Market Street, with a thatched roof, timber-framed pub and brightly painted shops. And a Bank Street – even though soon, there will be no bank. Lloyds, the last remaining branch in Lutterworth, will close next month. It will be the eighth bank to shutter its doors in the area over the past five years. The nearest alternative bank – a Nationwide branch in Blaby – is also on its way out, forcing residents to travel 12 miles to Wigston. A round trip is 50 minutes in the car. The elderly and the disabled who cannot drive are facing at least double the travel time.

“At the end of this year, my constituency of more than 100,000 people will be left with only two small local building society branches,” said Alberto Costa, MP for South Leicestershire. “All of the so-called big banks and building societies, Lloyds, Barclays, Santander, HSBC and Nationwide, have simply left their customers, my constituents and local businesses, behind with little assistance and tired explanations.”

Banks have proposed a solution: banking hubs. These new mega-branches will be shared among several banks, with a counter service run by the Post Office. Under this model, the 10 participating banks and building societies – the largest in the country – will save costs on expensive brick-and-mortar branches, while their customers will still be able to access all the bank services they would have done at their local branch.

The plan to set up banking hubs was announced last December, with 10 promised at the time. Last week, it was announced that another 13 would be rolled out. Lutterworth was named as one of the locations.

But despite the promises, so far only the two trial hubs are currently up and running – Rochford in Essex and Cambuslang on the outskirts of Glasgow. This has raised the question of whether hubs can effectively replace lost branches, which over five million people rely on.

The rollout of those original 10 sites may be an ill omen for what is to come of the ambitious scheme. In eight of the 10 locations – Acton, Brixham, Carnoustie, Knaresborough, Syston, Troon, Welshpool, and Looe – the proposed hubs have run into obstacles, including protracted negotiations with landlords, asbestos reports, and a lack of available properties to buy. The other two locations, Cottingham and Buckingham, are hoping to shoe-horn hubs into the cramped premises of the previous bank.

“Acton was earmarked for a banking hub with great fanfare late last year and it’s still not happened,” said Dr Rupa Huq, the MP for the West London area.

“There have been delays with signing the lease on the identified site owned by a private equity company, which given there is a bit of building work and fit-out to be done, will mean they cannot promise it’ll be open this year and won’t be held to any date.”

Natalie Ceeney, chairwoman of the

Cash Action Group, which has been charged with the hub rollout, said: “Finding suitable premises is not as easy as it sounds.”

“The hubs have to be secure and cater for everyone, so we need to make sure we meet building regulations, provide disabled access as well as working with smaller landlords.”

Be that as it may, the fact remains that bank branches are closing far faster than the hubs are opening. Around 4,685 branches have closed since 2015, according to the consumer watchdog Which?, and a further 433 branches are scheduled for closure this year and next.

In Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, people are getting frustrated about constraints on existing cash infrastructure as they await the opening of the new hub.

“It’s rubbish because if Sainsbury’s cash machine doesn’t work and neither does Tesco, then all that’s left is the post office, and not everyone wants to stand and wait half an hour for money,” said Jessica Garland, a local resident, who was not even aware the banking hub scheme existed.

Local councillors scrutinised the slow rollout of Knaresborough’s promised banking hub at a meeting last week. Charlotte Gale, a member of the Knaresborough Chamber of Trade & Commerce, who sits on the banking working group, said: “Just before the pandemic we lost six major banks and building societies, and their associated ATMs, in quick succession. This left us with just one branch, The Halifax, which itself closed during the pandemic. We now have just two town centre ATMs, which have sometimes struggled with reliability and to meet demand since the Halifax closed.”

“Cash usage remains disproportionately high within the town, especially on Wednesday Market Day, when many surrounding shops and businesses also report an increase in cash usage. Over a quarter of Knaresborough’s population are also over 65 and many struggled with the rapid loss of face to face banking services and access to cash in the town. Businesses also struggled, both with accessing change for their tills and paying in takings.”

Problems like these are growing more acute because, as the cost of living crisis grips Britain, more and more people will be turning to cash to help with budgeting.

“The need for access to cash is growing,” said Siobhain McDonagh, the MP for Mitcham and Morden, who



has spent the last week protesting outside one of the last banks in her south London constituency, which is winding up its business.

“The cost of living crisis has seen the return of money jars, with households separating their cash and counting out their pennies to ensure they can make ends meet.”

Where banking hubs are infeasible, at least for now, people will have to rely on a combination of free-to-use and pay-to-use ATMS. While free cash machines make up the majority of the network, a significant number of fee charging machines are found in some of Britain’s poorest neighbourhoods and communities.

“With a regular fee of £1.75 just to withdraw cash from a pay-to-use machine, it is a luxury that many cannot afford, yet the proposed legislation to protect access to cash makes no clear commitment to protect free-to-use over pay-to-use machines,” said Kate Osamor, an MP for Edmonton.

Many people access small increments of cash at a time. According to Link, which oversees the UK’s cash machine network, the average ATM withdrawal value was £78 in 2020, although the minimum amount customers can typically draw from a cash machine is around £10.

In Buckingham, which used to enjoy “excellent customer standards”, according to Greg Smith MP, bank closures are “causing significant difficulties” for residents.

Kim Davey Frankish, a local resident and carer for adults with learning disabilities, provides supported living services to a number of vulnerable people, who are not given bank pin numbers as a precaution against financial abuse and fraud. As part of

her work, Davey Frankish helps people access cash by driving them to their local branch. “They always banked with Barclays and to get money out they had to sign,” she explained. “Most of the cashiers knew them, so it wasn’t much of a hassle.”

“Then, it closed. So we had to travel to Bletchley or Bicester as some of the staff had transferred there and they knew them, but if they weren’t there it became very difficult and staff could be very stroppy.”

When the Bletchley branch closed, Davey Frankish tried three times to register the people under her care for a sign-only account with the Post Office, but it never worked out, as the postal system requires every customer to have a pin number.

Elsewhere, communities have been told that it will take eight months to a year to set up a hub.

The Financial Conduct Authority is concerned by the ongoing delays. A spokesman for the regulator said: “Firms need to pick up the pace and deliver more banking hubs. We expect this to be done as a priority.”

Over the summer, the FCA penned an open letter calling for banks to do more to protect their customers from the cost of living crisis and introduced additional consumer protection.

Under the new Financial Services and Markets Bill, which is currently making its way through parliament, the FCA will soon take on a more muscular role in ensuring access to cash across the UK.

Rocio Concha, director of policy and advocacy at Which?, said: “We would now like to see the Government go even further by guaranteeing minimum levels of access to cash without fees being charged, and for the FCA to be given the powers to

‘We would like to see the Government guarantee minimum levels of access to cash without fees being charged’

determine a local community’s access to cash needs. She added: “This would mean assessing a wide range of factors including minimum geographic distances, and holding banks to account.”

Ceeney says: “I recognise that there is frustration that the hubs aren’t opened the day or week after they’re announced, but we’re finding the communities we’re working with are patient and helping us along the way.”

She added that people can expect the original 10 hubs to be open within the next year. Banks involved in the hubs project say they are committing cash to fund the development of new hubs and are willing to stump up more as more hubs are required.

Some attribute delays to administrative and regulatory hurdles that come with pooling resources.

“Where you have a number of organisations in one industry working on a shared initiative, there would be obvious and significant competition law concerns that would need to be addressed,” said HSBC.

In Welshpool, Wales, the last remaining bank in town, a branch of Lloyds is due to close early next year. Richard Church, a local councillor, has requested that the bank postpone its closure until the new hub is open.

“I do not believe that the Post Office has the staff, or the space, to meet the need in the interim,” he said. “Nor do I believe that the Lloyds building is a suitable site for the banking hub as it has poor disabled access.”

The branch closure will be symbolic: the town was the birthplace of the patriarch of the Lloyds family, which gave their name to Britain’s largest bank. Where once they were growing, now banks like these are in retreat, leaving locals to feel the effects.

Pay and perks war leads to ‘churn’ in cybersecurity staff

By Gareth Corfield

A FIERCE battle for talent in Britain’s cybersecurity industry has driven as many as one in five workers to switch jobs over the past year.

London-listed NCC Group has seen staff turnover hit 20pc, recent results show, rising from 14pc two years ago. Industry figures said this level of “churn” was not unusual.

“There’s a war for cyber talent that has been going on for at least 10 years,” NCC Group chief executive Mike Maddison told *The Daily Telegraph*.

Cyber workers are switching jobs as they are lured by the promise of higher pay or better perks elsewhere.

Average salaries in the penetrating testing sector – one part of the industry where the UK excels – are between £40,000 and £65,000, according to the Government’s Prospects graduate employment website.

Martin Walsham, director of AMR Cybersecurity, said that competition for talent across the British information security industry was increasing following the end of Covid restrictions.

“I think 20pc is probably reflective of the industry,” he said. “Churn rates in

the cybersecurity industry for skilled technical specialists have always been relatively high.”

NCC Group recruited 1,000 people in total during the 12 months up to September, growing its technical head count by 270.

“We were quite concerned when we came out with 20pc,” Mr Maddison said. “We were thinking we were doing really badly because it’s come up year-on-year.”

“But when we talked to our competitors in the sector, we found out they were in the 20 to 30pc category”.

Figures from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) show the cyber sector’s total headcount grew 13pc over the last year, with the sector employing around 52,000 people. Most cyber workers are employed around London and the South East according to DCMS, although an increasing talent pool is forming around the Greater Manchester area.

A battle for talent comes as the sector enjoys rapid growth. NCC Group’s share price jumped 10pc last week as it reported a 17.9pc jump in annual sales to £314.8m. Pre-tax profits were £31m, double 2021’s figure of £14.8m.



Outfoxed Alpacas have been brought in to ward off foxes from Christmas turkeys at Copas Farm, Cookham, Berks.

Duffel latest tech start-up to cut jobs in global downturn

By Matthew Field

TRAVEL tech start-up Duffel has been forced to cut 20pc of staff amid a global downturn for technology companies.

Duffel, which was founded in 2017, creates software for selling plane tickets that companies can quickly embed into their websites and apps. The company has received \$56m (£48m) in venture capital funding from investors Index Ventures, which was an early backer of Slack and Revolut, and Blossom Capital.

The Daily Telegraph understands that around a fifth of the company’s staff, about 18 people, were made redundant a week ago.

Duffel did not respond to requests for comment. In its latest accounts published last month, Duffel said it had experienced “consistent” volume growth in 2021 and had seen travel numbers continuing to grow into 2022 as pandemic restrictions were axed.

Several British tech start-ups have been forced to slash jobs as venture capital deals slow and companies pare back growth plans in response.

Last month, *The Telegraph* revealed that Immersive Labs, a Bristol-based cyber security start-up, had cut 10pc of

staff with the loss of 38 jobs. Pollen, an events and travel company, has laid off hundreds of employees after its parent company crashed into administration.

Last week, online car retailer Cazoo said it would wind down its European expansion operations with the loss of 750 jobs, in addition to cutting costs by £200m. Babylon, the virtual doctor company, said it would reduce head-

£15.4m

Total raised by venture capital-backed companies in the first half of this year, just over half the total raised in all of 2021

count by 100 people, while Fintech companies Freetrade and Curve have each cut dozens of jobs this summer.

Start-ups have suffered a downturn in valuations as venture capitalists cool on the prospects of future growth.

Data from analysts PitchBook found the total value raised by venture capital-backed companies in the first half of 2022 was £15.4m, just over half the total raised in all of 2021.

Mavis Nicholson

Doyenne of daytime TV interviewers whose gently incisive manner enticed her guests to open up

Mavis Nicholson, who has died aged 91, was renowned as the queen of British daytime television, and later became the agony aunt on *The Oldie* magazine.

As one of the first women daytime interviewers, she invariably engaged her guests with unexpected and startling questions, incisive but never intrusive or rude. The programmes were aimed mainly at women, and Mavis Nicholson's natural warmth and deceptive cosiness drew out the best from her interviewees, whether they were showbusiness celebrities or what the television trade called "real" people, even the shy, the nervous and the tongue-tied.

Prominent in fashionable literary London in the 1960s – she and her husband, Geoff, were close friends of Kingsley Amis and his first wife, Hilly – Mavis Nicholson was earmarked as a potential television personality by Jeremy Isaacs, then a talented young television producer. She did not conform to the popular image of a television presenter: "Sharp, earthy, Welsh", was Isaacs's verdict.

Although a lifelong Labour supporter, she struck up an instant rapport with Amis, the former communist and future reactionary, at what was then the University College of Swansea, in the late 1940s, when he was a part-time English lecturer and she was one of his students. During one waspish polemical exchange, Amis was said to have coined the expression "Leftie" to describe her political outlook. Richard Ingrams recalled that as Amis grew older "and more than a little bonkers", he accused her of being a KGB agent.

Despite the differences between them, the Nicholsons and the Amises became fast friends, and shared holidays together. In September 1956, two years after Amis had published his first novel *Lucky Jim* to enormous acclaim, the foursome spent a fortnight at a hotel in Pramosquier on the southern tip of the French Riviera.

It transpired that Mavis Nicholson had been one of Amis's numerous mistresses since shortly after her marriage in 1952. She agonised over the affair. Amis's wife Hilly, who counted her a friend, had known about it, but did not demur, partly (as she told Amis's biographer) because "somehow was she never a threat, we were all in love with Mavis".

More than once, Mavis Nicholson played the mother figure to her wayward and notoriously promiscuous lover and one-time mentor. After one boozy evening in London, Amis and his friend, the poet Philip Larkin, missed the last train and had to spend the night at the Nicholsons, the two guests sharing a room.

Next morning, Mavis Nicholson entered to find a barricade of pillows and coats up the centre of the double bed. Her guests' shoes were placed either side of the bed – ready, it seemed, for an emergency getaway. "The question is," Mavis Nicholson remarked, "was it Larkin who feared that Amis might throw a nocturnal pass, or the other way round?"

On another occasion, after one "particularly jolly and extended lunch", Amis was hit by a car in London. After hospital treatment he was released, heavily sedated, into the care of the Nicholsons, and was sleeping at their home when a visitor called.

Unaware that anyone was slumbering in the next room, the visitor, a student of contemporary



Mavis Nicholson: 'sharp, earthy, Welsh'. Below, with Morecambe and Wise in the 1970s; and in 1986 with her old friend Kingsley Amis

literature, remarked that his favourite author was Kingsley Amis. At that moment, the door burst open and Amis staggered into the room in his underwear, "bandaged like the Invisible Man" (as Mavis Nicholson recalled), and demanded: "Where am I? Who are you?" "This," she said by way of introduction to the startled new arrival, "is Kingsley Amis."

Notwithstanding all this, their friendship endured until Amis's death in 1995; he invited her to accompany him when he won the Booker Prize and when he went to the Palace to be knighted. With characteristic kindness and loyalty, she visited him in hospital a week before he died "to say goodbye".

She was born Mavis Mainwaring on October 19 1930, the daughter of a crane driver at the Aberavon steelworks, and spent her childhood in Briton Ferry, at the mouth of the River Neath near Port Talbot. Her childhood mentor, Eileen Sims, a Classics graduate, was a deacon at the local Jerusalem English Baptist Chapel (known during the war as "the conchie's chapel").

There Mavis, at 14, was baptised (with seven others) in a tank of cold water. From her father young Mavis inherited lifelong socialist convictions.

On leaving Neath County School in 1949 she enrolled at the University College of Swansea (now Swansea University), where she studied English, and at midnight on New Year's Eve met her fellow student and future husband, Geoffrey Nicholson.

On graduating in 1951 she won a

scholarship to train as an advertising copywriter and moved to London where, with her husband, she became the centre of a lively social circle; it included the author Laurence Fleming and the journalist and broadcaster John Morgan as well as Amis, who in between his lectures at Swansea was also an aspiring novelist.

Amis was later to dedicate his 1960 novel *Take a Girl Like You* to Mavis and her husband.

She worked as a journalist on women's magazines, including the radically chic *Nova* in the 1960s. When she stopped work to look after her three sons, she became a full-time mother.

Her flair for debate, penchant for asking searching questions and her engaging conversational style on the London dinner party circuit led to her being spotted by Isaacs, and her second career as a broadcaster.

With the launch of daytime television in the early 1970s, Mavis Nicholson became not only one of the first women interviewers, but also one of the most accomplished, *tout court* – "warm, extrovert, an unusually generous listener and 'natural gasser'" as one critic noted.

She was 43 when she started her first presenting job as one of five interviewers (with Mary Parkinson, Judith Chalmers, Elaine Grand and Rita Dando) on *Good Afternoon*. Although she initially attracted criticism for her untidy hair and bra-less stoop, her television career was to span the next 25 years.

On programmes such as *Afternoon*

Plus and the thrice-weekly *Mavis on 4*, she interviewed celebrities including Elizabeth Taylor, David Bowie, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Kenneth Williams, Rudolf Nureyev, Morecambe and Wise, Liberace, and Maya Angelou, who became a friend.

Instead of letting them retail their well-rehearsed routines and jokes, she enabled them to open up and hold conversations, and since it was the middle of the afternoon, the guests were not on their guard.

When Michael Grade axed *Mavis on 4* in 1988, ostensibly to make way for live coverage of Parliament, he was widely suspected of wanting to pull the plug on a woman of almost pensionable age, and viewers wrote letters of complaint by the sackful.

The BBC took her on to present the television daytime phone-in *Open Air*, and although Grade gave her a new Channel 4 show for the over-55s in 1991, she subsequently criticised the television industry generally for under-representing older people in its programmes.

She also featured on numerous radio shows including *Start the Week*, then with Richard Baker and Kenneth Robinson, and she presented *Woman's Hour* and *The Jimmy Young Show* when the host was ill.

Among her books were a childhood memoir *Martha Jane & Me: A Girlhood in Wales* (1992), and *What Did You Do in the War, Mummy?* (1995), a collection of interviews with women from different backgrounds who lived through the Second World War, and which is considered something of a modern classic. She also wrote *Help Yourself: Solutions to the practical problems of everyday life* (1974) and a chapter on grief in *A Bit on the Side* (2007).

Mavis Nicholson was a vocal opponent of nuclear proliferation who demonstrated at Greenham Common, and marched in London against the war with Iraq. Although her last work for television was *Oldie TV* in a late-night slot on BBC Two in 1997, she continued to write her agony column for *The Oldie* magazine until 2014.

In 2003, at the Stannah Stairlift Oldie Literary Lunch at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, she was astonished to be ordered by the writer Wilbur Smith's fourth wife, Mokhiniso, to extinguish her extravagantly smoky cigar.

Mavis Nicholson married, in 1952, Geoffrey Nicholson, who later became, variously, sports editor of *The Observer*, sports features editor of *The Sunday Times* and rugby correspondent of *The Independent*. She felt his death in 1999 keenly; their three sons survive her.

Mavis Nicholson, born October 19 1930, died September 9 2022



Peter Straub

Master of the macabre whose novels had literary merit to go with their stratospheric sales

Peter Straub, who has died aged 79, won critical acclaim for elevating the horror genre with novels that were cerebral, allusive and poetic, although it was his recognition that the horror writer's first duty was to scare his readers half to death that ensured his books sold millions of copies.

Straub established himself as a master of the macabre with *Julia* (1975) and *Ghost Story* (1979). His career in horror began almost simultaneously with that of Stephen King, and critics often touted him as a more intellectual alternative; but the two writers admired and influenced each other, and went on to collaborate on two novels, *The Talisman* and *Black House*.

Straub claimed, however, that in general he had "ambivalent" views about his fellow horror writers. An academic and teacher by profession, he began his literary career as a poet, and his first novel, *Marriages* (1973), was an Updikean saga of adultery.

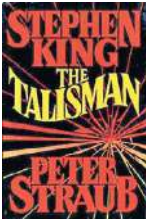
It was only his failure to interest any publisher in a second novel in a similar vein that prompted his agent to suggest he try a Gothic story that might capitalise on the success of William Peter Blatty's *The Exorcist* (1971).

Finding *The Exorcist* "meretricious and badly written", he vowed to do better. *Marriages* had been "the standard poet's novel", Straub told *The Sunday Telegraph* ("I had deliberately avoided plot"), but when he began work on *Julia*, "suddenly I found that I was writing something that had a strong basic narrative pulse ... I soared ... I thought, God, I'm not lowering my standards, and it still works."

Although Straub was vocal in his



Straub in London, 2011. Below, *The Talisman* (1984), written with Stephen King, sold a million copies in its first year



dislike of being pigeonholed as a horror writer, he always recognised the genre's unique power. "I like its acknowledgment that life is a dodgy and uncertain business, and a monster with a smiling face may live or wink right next door to you," he observed in 2016.

Peter Francis Straub was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 2 1943. His father, Gordon, a steel salesman, was a Catholic of German descent; his mother Elvena, a nurse, came from a Norwegian family that had farmed in Wisconsin for many generations.

As a small boy he got into the habit of sneaking off to the local picture-house alone, and in later life he revealed that when he was six a man had sexually assaulted him there. At

seven he had to relearn to walk after being hit by a car. The resulting sense that "the world was not benign" would feed into his work.

He studied English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and took an MA at Columbia University, before returning to teach at his old school in Milwaukee. Fearful that if he "stayed too long I'd turn into a really sodden Mr Chips", he fled to University College Dublin to embark on a PhD. In Ireland he published his first book of poetry, *My Life in Pictures* (1971).

He wrote *Marriages* in four months and, abandoning his PhD ("Suddenly I didn't have to struggle to find something new to say about Anthony Trollope ... I could just write"), he determined to become a full-time author, and moved to London.

The success of *Julia* – the ambiguous story of an American woman apparently being haunted by her dead daughter at her new home in Holland Park – saved Straub and his family from penury. In 1977 it was filmed, with Mia Farrow, as *The Haunting of Julia* (also known as *Full Circle*). His next horror novel, *If You Could See Me Now* (1977), saw evil spirits descend on the sort of tightly knit Midwestern rural community he was familiar with from childhood visits to his mother's relatives.

After that, Straub decided to branch out from his usual restrained and suggestive manner and "take a gigantic risk [with] a book that was gaudy, and shamelessly so". *Ghost Story* (1979), peopled with spooks, werewolves and shape-shifters, played with the tropes of two centuries' worth of horror tales and propelled Straub's sales into the stratosphere.

Sir David Samworth

Co-founder of a billion-pound pork-pie and pasty empire

Sir David Samworth, who has died aged 87, was the creator, with his brother John, of one of Britain's leading convenience food businesses, embracing such well-loved items as the Ginsters pasty and the Melton Mowbray pork pie.

David Samworth was chief executive of Samworth Brothers from its foundation in 1977 until 1999, when it had achieved sales of £200 million a year. As chairman until 2005 and later life president, he watched it grow into a £1.4 billion business employing 11,500 staff.

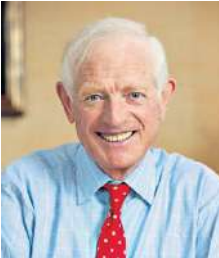
Besides pork- and pastry-based snacks, the company successfully exploited other evolutions of casual eating habits, developing a state-of-the-art bakery in Leicester capable of producing 50 million packaged sandwiches a year.

David Chetwode Samworth was born in Birmingham on June 25 1935, the third son (following twins) of Frank Samworth and his wife Phyllis, née Perkins. Frank's father, whose forebears were pig men and butchers at Huntingdon, had established a pig-dealing business in Birmingham in the 1890s.

David was educated at Hallfield School and Uppingham, and did National Service as a second lieutenant in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, including a posting to Khartoum as aide-de-camp to one of the last British governor-generals of Sudan.

In 1956 he joined the then family business, TN Parr, where he started his career in an offshoot specialising in pig slaughtering and bacon curing. Following a break for studies at Harvard Business School, he succeeded his father as chairman and managing director of TN Parr in 1968. Expansion of supermarket chains drove rapid growth in demand for their products and the business doubled in size after the acquisition of its competitor, Pork Farms.

After TN Parr was sold, to Northern Foods group, David and his brother John developed Samworth Brothers, headquartered in Melton Mowbray. The new venture began with an investment in Ginsters, a family-owned bakery business at Callington in Cornwall that grew to be the UK's biggest pasty maker – and a particular favourite of the hungry driver at motorway service stations. Other brands within the



Insisted on highest standards

group include Walker & Son, acquired in 1986, the descendant of a Leicester butchery and sausage business dating from 1824; Dickinson & Morris, the oldest pork pie maker in Melton Mowbray – slogan "As it should be"; and a later acquisition, the West Cornwall Pasty Company.

David Samworth insisted on the highest standards in the group's factories and products – and on testing by tasting. "Quality control is not on the slide rule," he said, "quality control is in the mouth." He also placed great importance on people as the cornerstone of his business, and was praised by many staff for his gentlemanly management style.

He served as chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission, as a council member of Food of Britain, and as a director of Imperial Group and Thorntons, the chocolate maker. Appointed CBE in 1985 and knighted in 2009, he was a deputy lieutenant and former high sheriff of Leicestershire, a member of the Trent Regional Health Authority and president of the honorary canons of Leicester Cathedral.

He played a leading part in the fund-raising which enabled Leicester to become the resting place of King Richard III's remains, and he and his wife created a foundation which helped to fund three new academy schools as well as educational projects in Africa.

David Samworth was a farmer of 400 arable acres, a champion of all aspects of the countryside and a supporter of traditional food causes, including the protected geographical designation of Melton Mowbray pies and Cornish pasties.

He married, in 1969, Rosemary Cadell, who survives him with their three daughters, and a son, Mark, who is now chairman of Samworth Brothers.

Sir David Samworth, born June 25 1935, died August 16 2022

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A cracking art heist story that’s perfect for Hollywood



BBC Two’s documentary recounted the 1994 heist of two JMW Turner paintings

Every so often, a documentary with an unpromising title turns out to be a cracker. So it was with **Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves** (BBC Two), which played out in the manner of a glossy thriller.

It was the story of a 1994 heist at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Germany. The targets were two JMW Turner paintings – *Light and Colour and Shade and Darkness* (and a third work by Caspar David Friedrich, but the programme wasn’t concerned with that one). A thief hid in the museum until after dark, then opened the door and let in an accomplice; they tied up the lone guard on duty, and escaped with the paintings in a white Ford Transit van. Isn’t it always a white Ford Transit van?

The Turners were on loan from the Tate, and what followed was an utterly absorbing tale of the Tate’s efforts to get them back. The cast of characters could have come straight out of a Hollywood film, including Rocky, a “tough guy” undercover agent for Scotland Yard whose demeanour made it very easy for him to pose as a European criminal. “He was not unruly,” said Sandy Nairne, the debonair former deputy director of the Tate, “but he had his own ways of working.”

Nairne’s role in this saga was quite something. Just like it happens in the films, he was contacted over the

telephone by a man who claimed to have the paintings, and ordered him to attend a rendezvous at Paddington Station. A Metropolitan Police officer went in Nairne’s place, while Nairne hung out of his office window to give the impression during phone calls that he was en route. The man turned out to be a chancer, rather than a criminal mastermind: his disguise was a bin liner with two eye-holes cut in it.

I shan’t ruin the rest for you if you haven’t seen it, but also in the mix were a Yugoslav crime kingpin, a colourful lawyer, a clandestine meeting in a forest, and a disgruntled Rocky quitting to sail his yacht around New Zealand. The film was helped enormously by its access to phone recordings and footage from the time. This may have been a case of “artnapping” rather than kidnapping, but the stakes were high and the methods of investigation similar – even down to a demand for “proof of life”, which in this instance meant Polaroids of the paintings, rather than a kidnab victim holding up a copy of today’s paper.

One thing you can always guarantee with a Simon Reeve series: he’ll pack a lot in. In the first episode of **Simon Reeve’s South America** (BBC Two), he visited

Venezuela, French Guiana and Suriname. He flew in a small plane with a convicted cocaine smuggler, joined (briefly) the French Foreign Legion, explored the ecosystem of a billion-year old mountain and discussed the dietary habits of sloths.

It began with Reeve emerging from a tent. No Bear Grylls-style hotel stays for him. Reeve’s programmes are hard to categorise: he covers the environment, politics and social anthropology. He has an easy way with people, and is enthusiastic but not annoyingly so. When he says, “Oh my goodness, the most incredible views!” as he gazes down on Venezuela from above the clouds, it’s entirely the correct reaction.

Some of the situations he gets himself into are possibly a bit dicey, but Reeve doesn’t over-egg it. In Suriname, he spends time with a popular politician called Ronnie Brunswijk, whose CV could be described as colourful. Brunswijk, now the country’s vice president, used to be a footballer, and during one match was accused of threatening an opposing player with a handgun (he denies this). His methods of appealing to the electorate include reportedly flying his helicopter over a village and showering it with cash. He is reputed to have 50 children.

His wealth, he told Reeve, derived from his skills in panning for gold. At which point, Reeve ventured: “The Dutch government says you traffic cocaine to Europe.” (Brunswijk denied it, though a Dutch court convicted him in absentia.) It takes a certain courage to introduce this kind of line into a conversation.

Things were more mellow when we got to the sloths, at a centre where they are rescued from deforested areas, rehabilitated and released. The woman who ran the place explained that these animals don’t deserve their reputation for being a bit dim – in fact, they’re smart because they know how to conserve energy. And did you know they lose a third of their weight every time they poop? That’s another thing about Reeve programmes: they tell you many things you probably didn’t know.

Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves ★★★★★
Simon Reeve’s South America ★★★★★

What to watch



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Holliday Grainger stars as DCI Rachel Carey in this gripping deepfake thriller

The second series of this unnerving near-future thriller has barely missed a beat. A whole host of strong performances from a fully first-rate cast are matched by lean plotting and crisp, stylish direction. This is the final episode of six; let’s hope we don’t have to wait another three years for the next series. Paapa Essiedu is masterful as Isaac Turner MP, whose uber-smooth demeanour fractures under the pressure of a succession

of mysterious scandals. Every TV appearance he makes is intercepted and doctored with deepfake technology to completely change the content of his speech. But despite this, his poll numbers keep going up. Meanwhile DCI Rachel Carey (Holliday Grainger) is left out in the cold and thinks someone might have got to Turner, and her boss DSU Gemma Garland (Lia Williams) is unconvinced by her motivations for joining

Correction – the top secret department which produces deepfakes in service of the British state. Gregory Knox (Joseph Arkley), the tech bod from Truro Analytics, seems to be holding something back (does the name of his company ring any bells?), and what’s happening with that surveillance contract? With so many complex vested interests and shady characters kicking about, there are plenty of options on the table. **Jack Taylor**

DOCUMENTARY

HM the King: Westminster Tributes / Scotland: A Service for HM the Queen BBC One/ITV, from 10am
Today’s live coverage begins at the Palace of Westminster, where His Majesty, the King will receive a special Motion of Condolence and address both Houses of Parliament. Then, at 1pm, he will attend a special service for Queen Elizabeth II in St Giles’s Cathedral, Edinburgh and visit the Scottish Parliament. The service is followed, at 7.15pm, by live coverage of the Queen’s children as they stand vigil in personal tribute to their mother.



The Boys from Brazil: divisive president Jair Bolsonaro

Andrew Neil: Britain After the Queen Channel 4, 8pm
For 70 years, Queen Elizabeth II provided continuity for her people and her country. But what now

for the four fractured nations that make up the United Kingdom? The broadcaster examines what may happen now that we’ve lost our longest-serving monarch.

The Boys from Brazil: Rise of the Bolsonaros BBC Two, 9pm
The third and final part of this voyeuristic look at the wild antics and extreme ideas of far-right populist Jair Bolsonaro focuses on the Brazilian president’s past four years in office. The grim centrepiece of his policy platform is a devastating plan to ramp up exploitation and commercialisation of the Amazon rainforest by way of an increase in deforestation.

DRAMA

EastEnders BBC One, 7.30pm
There’s wedding bells in Walford – but when does a soap wedding ever go smoothly? These nuptials are between Kat Slater (Jessie Wallace) and Phil Mitchell (Steve McFadden), which, if you’ve not dipped into *EastEnders* for a while, seems an unexpected pairing. But here comes Kat’s ex-husband Alfie – yes, Shane Richie is back for the first time since 2019 – to throw a spanner in the works.

The Suspect ITV, 9pm
Aidan Turner continues to impress as Dr Joe O’Loughlin in this twisty psychological drama.



The Sky at Night: Chris Lintott and Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Tonight we see him at rock bottom after falling out with his wife, Julianne (Camilla Beepup), who gave him a slap round the chops for his tall tales. Nonetheless, by now he is wholly obsessed with working out the true details of the murder case, despite the police making him out to be the prime suspect.

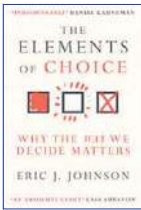
ENTERTAINMENT

Britain’s Greatest Obsessions Sky History, 9pm
A new series of the funny and thoughtful show that looks at our nation’s pet preoccupations. We begin with Harry Hill on the British sense of humour and why we think we’re funnier than every other country. To come: Liza Tarbuck on the weather, Reginald D Hunter on class, Suggs on pubs, and Lorraine Kelly on the war. **JT**

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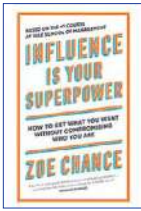
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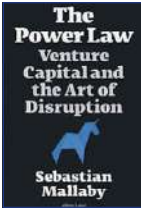
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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926 – 2022

Radio choice Gerard O’Donovan



Book of the Week: A Visible Man

Radio 4FM, 9.45am

At the outset Edward Ennifinful, *British Vogue*’s first black editor-in-chief, recalls telling a friend he’d been inspired to write his own story by the rising tide of the Black Lives Matter movement. The friend counselled: “We don’t see

a struggling black man. Make sure you give us power and success, we need that.” But as Ennifinful admits “like most immigrants, I didn’t feel like I had made it. Success for us is fragile.” It’s a perfect way into this most compelling memoir about his climb, against great odds, to the pinnacle of Britain’s fashion world.

The Boy in the Woods

Radio 4, 1.45pm

In a 10-part documentary Winifred Robinson tells the shocking story of six-year-old Rikki Neave’s murder in Cambridgeshire, in 1994, and the 28-year quest for justice that finally saw his killer convicted earlier this year. Today’s opening episode gives a detailed

account of the day Rikki – a streetwise, vulnerable boy known to social services and the authorities – disappeared, through the eyes of friends, neighbours and family, including his mother, Ruth, who was suspected by police and tried for his murder, but acquitted, in 1996. Continues daily, this week and next.

RADIO 1

FM 97.6-99.8MHz

6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.00** Radio 1’s Live Lounge **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Vicki **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Vick and Jordan **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1’s Live Lounge **6.30** Clara Amfo **7.00** Radio 1’s Hottest Records of the Week **8.00** Jack Saunders **10.00** Radio 1’s Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1’s Dance Anthems with Charlie Hedges **3.00** Radio 1’s Workout Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00 - 6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Arielle Free

RADIO 2

FM 88-90.2MHz

6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Ken Bruce **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00pm** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox’s Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley. Music and chat **9.00** Remembering Our Queen. Ken Bruce revisits some of Her Majesty’s favourite music **10.00** Trevor Nelson’s Rhythm Nation **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00am** Pick of the Pops **4.00 - 6.30am** Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 3

FM 90.2-92.4MHz

6.30am Breakfast **9.00** Essential Classics **12.00** Composer of the Week: Bruckner **1.00pm** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert **2.00** Afternoon Concert **4.30** New Generation Artists **5.00** In Tune

7.00 In Tune Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. The SWR Symphony Orchestra performs Prokofiev’s Cinderella **9.30** Northern Drift. With poet Shirley May and folk duo Bryony and Alice **10.00** Music Matters. News from the music world **10.45** The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language **11.00** Night Tracks **12.30am - 6.30am** Through the Night

RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz; LW 198kHz

6.00am Today **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** FM: Book of the Week: A Visible Man **9.45** LW: Daily Service **10.00** The Motion of Condolence at Westminster **11.00** Room 5 **11.30** The Frost Tapes **12.00** News **12.01pm** LW: Shipping Forecast **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** The Boy in the Woods **2.00** The Archers **2.15** This Cultural Life **3.00** Brain of Britain **3.30** The Food Programme **4.00** My Space **4.30** The Digital Human **5.00** PM. Presented by Evan Davis **5.54** LW: Shipping Forecast **5.57** Weather **6.00** Six O’Clock News **6.30** Mark Steel’s in Town **7.00** The Archers. Tracy realises she has made a terrible mistake **7.15** Front Row. Arts programme **8.00** Ugandan Asians: The Reckoning **8.30** Crossing Continents **9.00** The Spark **9.30** Start the Week **9.59** Weather **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: The Maid **11.00** In Suburbia **11.30** The Digital Human **12.00** News and Weather **12.30am** Book of the Week: A Visible Man **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer for the

Day 5.45 Farming Today 5.58 - 6.00am Tweet of the Day

RADIO 5 LIVE

MW 693 & 909kHz

6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Adrian Chiles **1.00pm** Nihal Arthanayake **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **9.00** 5 Live Sport: 5 Live Cricket **10.00** Colin Murray **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00 - 6.00am** Wake Up to Money

CLASSIC FM

FM 99.9-101.9MHz

6.00am Breakfast **9.00** Alexander Armstrong **12.00** Anne-Marie Minihall **4.00pm** John Brunning **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven **10.00** Smooth Classics **1.00am** Karthi Gnanasegaram **4.00 - 6.00am** Early Breakfast

WORLD SERVICE

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8.00am News **8.06** HARDtalk **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.06** The Climate Question **9.30** CrowdScience **10.00** News **10.06** The Cultural Frontline **10.30** Dear Daughter **10.50** More or Less **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Conversation **12.00** News **12.06pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** CrowdScience **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.06** HARDtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.06** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport: Today **8.06** The Climate Question **8.30** Discovery **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.06** HARDtalk **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** The Newsroom **11.20**






Sports News **11.30** The Conversation **12.00** News **12.06am** The History Hour **1.00** News **1.06** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** The Documentary **3.00** News **3.06** Outlook **3.50** Witness History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** In the Studio **5.00 - 8.00am** Newsday

RADIO 4 EXTRA

DIGITAL ONLY

6.00am Some Mother’s Son **6.30** Agatha Raisin **7.00** Hazelbeach **7.30** Mark Steel’s in Town **8.00** Round the Horne **8.30** Yes Minister **9.00** Dilemma **9.30** Country Matters **10.00** The No.1 Ladies’ Detective Agency **10.45** Short Works **11.00** TED Radio Hour **11.50** Inheritance Tracks **12.00** Round the Horne **12.30pm** Yes Minister **1.00** Some Mother’s Son **1.30** Agatha Raisin **2.00** Adventures of a Young Naturalist **2.15** Eleanor Rising **2.30** Fowles in Dorset **3.00** The No.1 Ladies’ Detective Agency **3.45** Short Works **4.00** Dilemma **4.30** Country Matters **5.00** Hazelbeach **5.30 - 6.00am** Mark Steel’s in Town

Main channels

BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
<p>6.00 am Breakfast (S) 10.00 HM The King: Westminster Tributes (S) 11.00 BBC News Special (S)</p> <p>12.00 News</p> <p>12.50 pm Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>1.00 Scotland: A Service for HM The Queen (S)</p> <p>6.05 News</p> <p>6.45 Regional News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.15 am Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow (R) (S) (SL) 7.15 Autumn: Earth's Seasonal Secrets (R) (S) 8.15 Coast Great Guides: Scotland's Western Isles (R) (S) 9.15 Animal Park Summer (R) (S) 10.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R) (S) 10.30 Wanted Down Under (R) (S) 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer (R) (S)</p> <p>12.15 pm Bargain Hunt</p> <p>1.00 Best Bakes Ever (R) (S)</p> <p>1.45 Doctors</p> <p>2.15 Money for Nothing</p> <p>3.00 Escape to the Country</p> <p>3.45 The Bidding Room (R) (S)</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S)</p> <p>5.15 Pointless</p> <p>6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games (S)</p> <p>6.30 Unbeatable (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Good Morning Britain (S) 10.00 The King's Tour – Westminster (S) 11.00 This Morning (S)</p> <p>1.00 pm ITV News Special: Queen Elizabeth II: Lying At Rest (S)</p> <p>4.30 Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals (S)</p> <p>5.00 The Chase (R) (S)</p> <p>6.00 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>6.30 News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.10 am Countdown (R) (S) 6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD) (R) (S) 7.15 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD) (R) (S) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 9.00 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 9.30 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 10.00 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 10.30 Four in a Bed (R) (S) 11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S)</p> <p>12.00 Channel 4 News (S)</p> <p>12.30 pm Steph's Packed Lunch (S)</p> <p>2.10 Countdown (S)</p> <p>3.00 A Place in the Sun (R) (S)</p> <p>4.00 Chateau DIY (AD) (S)</p> <p>5.00 Moneybags (S)</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>6.30 Hollyoaks (AD) (R) (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) 12.45 pm Holiday Homes in the Sun (S) 1.40 5 News at Lunchtime (S) 1.45 Home and Away (AD) (R) (S) 2.15 FILM: Love at Daisy Hills (2020, TVM) Romantic drama starring Cindy Busby (S)</p> <p>4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (R) (S)</p> <p>5.00 5 News at 5 (S)</p> <p>6.00 Cash in the Attic (AD) (S)</p> <p>6.55 5 News Update (S)</p>
 <p>EastEnders: Jessie Wallace</p>	 <p>Only Connect: the Peacocks</p>	 <p>The Suspect: Aidan Turner & Sian Clifford</p>	 <p>24 Hours in A&E</p>	 <p>Motorway Cops: PC Amy</p>
<p>7.15 Scotland: The Vigil (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Cricket: Today at the Test England v South Africa (S)</p>	<p>8.00 Coronation Street Saira approaches Toyah in the street and accuses her of murdering Imran (AD) (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Channel 4 News (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Police Interceptors A dangerous driver leads the team on a white-knuckle ride across Nottinghamshire (R) (S)</p> <p>7.55 5 News Update (S)</p>
<p>8.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered (S)</p> <p>8.30 EastEnders Phil and Kat's wedding day arrives (AD) (S)</p>	<p>8.00 Only Connect The Peacocks take on Mothers Ruined (S)</p> <p>8.30 University Challenge The London School of Economics takes on University College, Oxford (S)</p>	<p>8.00 Coronation Street Saira approaches Toyah in the street and accuses her of murdering Imran (AD) (S)</p>	<p>8.00 Andrew Neil: Britain After the Queen How Britain will look and feel following the death of Queen Elizabeth II (S)</p>	<p>8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders PC Andy Doran makes his way to the scene of a collision on the A6 (S)</p>
<p>9.00 The Capture Carey is kidnapped and interrogated by a surprising face. Last in the series (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.00 The Boys from Brazil: Rise of the Bolsonaros A look at Jair Bolsonaro's campaign for the 2018 presidential election (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.00 The Suspect Joe embarks on a new path of investigation (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.30 24 Hours in A&E A patient with a rare condition is rushed in, struggling to breathe (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 Officers are called to a fight in a takeaway (R) (S)</p>
<p>10.10 BBC News at Ten (S)</p>	<p>10.00 QI With Sara Pascoe, Stephen K Amos and Jason Manford (R) (S)</p> <p>10.30 Newsnight (S)</p>	<p>10.00 News; Weather (S)</p> <p>10.45 Regional News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>10.35 Second Hand for 50 Grand Fashion model Amy Neville is after a luxury bag to celebrate the birth of her daughter (AD) (S)</p> <p>11.40 First Dates Hotel 12.40am Her Majesty The Queen 1.35 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 1.55 FILM: Manusangada (2017) Premiere 3.35 Grand Designs: The Streets 4.25 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country 5.20 - 6.10am The Great Home Transformation</p>	<p>10.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) (S)</p> <p>11.05 999: Critical Condition 12.05am Police Interceptors 1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football. Seattle Seahawks v Denver Broncos (kick-off 1.15am) 4.30 Entertainment News on 5 4.40 Wildlife SOS 5.05 Wildlife SOS 5.30 Peppa Pig 5.35 Paw Patrol 5.50 - 6.00am Fireman Sam</p>
<p>11.10 Regional News; Weather 11.20 My Government and I 12.20 - 6.00am News</p>	<p>11.15 FILM: The Aftermath (2019) Drama starring Keira Knightley 2.00am Sign Zone: Countryfile 2.50 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef 3.50 - 6.20am This Is BBC Two</p>	<p>11.00 Queen Elizabeth II 12.05am Shop: Ideal World 3.00 Unwind with ITV 4.55 - 6.00am Queen Elizabeth II</p>		

Film choice



A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (2019)
Film4, 9pm ★★★★★

Who else but Tom Hanks brings the necessary levels of well-meaning familiarity to bring back to life beloved American children's TV star Fred Rogers? In this charming tale, a cynical and browbeaten journalist (Matthew Rhys) is sent to write a profile piece on Rogers. Little does he expect that his brief encounter with Rogers will change the course of his life forever.



Rita, Sue and Bob Too (1987)
Talking Pictures TV, 9pm ★★★

This raucous comedy about a middle-aged lothario's (George Costigan) affair with two babysitters from a northern housing estate caused quite a stir on its release. It's part sex comedy and part critique of the divisions of Thatcher's Britain and, despite its unabashedly un-PC nature, is keenly observed, emotionally taut and politically sensitive. Siobhan Finneran and Michelle Holmes co-star.



The Aftermath (2019)
BBC Two, 11.15pm ★★★

Veteran period drama director James Kent (*The White Queen*) brings us this drama about a British colonel (Jason Clarke) and his wife Rachael (Keira Knightley) who are, in the wake of the Second World War, assigned to oversee the reconstruction effort in Hamburg. There, Rachael meets Stefan Lubert (Alexander Skarsgård), a widowed German. Solid, predictable drama ensues, with good performances.

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BBC Four	ITV3	ITV4	Sky Max	Sky Atlantic	Film4	Drama
<p>FV 9 FS 173 SKY 116 VIRGIN 107</p> <p>7.00 pm Cities: Nature's New Wild</p> <p>8.00 Art of Persia</p> <p>9.00 Mars - A Traveller's Guide: Horizon</p> <p>10.00 The Sky at Night</p> <p>10.30 8 Days: To the Moon and Back</p> <p>12.00 A Very British History</p> <p>1.00 am The Normans</p> <p>2.00 Cities: Nature's New Wild</p> <p>3.00 - 4.00am Art of Persia</p>	<p>FV 10 FS 115 SKY 119 VIRGIN 117</p> <p>11.30 am Heartbeat</p> <p>12.35 pm Heartbeat</p> <p>1.40 Classic Emmerdale</p> <p>2.10 Classic Emmerdale</p> <p>2.45 Classic Coronation Street</p> <p>3.15 Classic Coronation Street</p> <p>3.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot</p> <p>6.00 Heartbeat</p> <p>7.00 Heartbeat</p> <p>8.00 Endeavour</p> <p>10.00 The Bay</p> <p>11.05 The Bay</p> <p>12.10 am The Royal</p> <p>1.15 The Royal</p> <p>2.20 Unwind with ITV</p> <p>2.30 - 6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>FV 26 FS 117 SKY 120 VIRGIN 118</p> <p>11.10 am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</p> <p>12.25 pm The Saint</p> <p>1.30 River Monsters</p> <p>2.35 Magnum, PI</p> <p>3.40 The Sweeney</p> <p>4.45 Minder</p> <p>5.55 River Monsters</p> <p>6.55 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?</p> <p>7.55 The Chase Celebrity Special</p> <p>9.00 FILM: Windtalkers (2002) Second World War drama starring Nicolas Cage</p> <p>11.45 pm FILM: Alien 3 (1992) Sci-fi thriller sequel</p> <p>2.00 am Motorsport UK</p> <p>2.50 Unwind with ITV</p> <p>3.00 - 6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>SKY 113 VIRGIN 122</p> <p>Noon NCIS: New Orleans</p> <p>1.00 pm Hawaii Five-0</p> <p>2.00 MacGyver</p> <p>3.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow</p> <p>4.00 The Flash</p> <p>5.00 Supergirl</p> <p>6.00 Stargate SG-1</p> <p>7.00 Stargate SG-1</p> <p>8.00 Resident Alien</p> <p>9.00 COBRA: Cyberwar</p> <p>10.00 Brassic</p> <p>11.00 The Russell Howard Hour</p> <p>11.50 A League of Their Own</p> <p>12.55 am Freddie Fries Again</p> <p>2.00 NCIS: New Orleans</p> <p>3.00 - 4.00am Hawaii Five-0</p>	<p>SKY 108</p> <p>11.05 am The Sopranos</p> <p>12.15 pm The Sopranos</p> <p>1.20 The Sopranos</p> <p>2.25 Game of Thrones</p> <p>3.30 Boardwalk Empire</p> <p>4.40 Boardwalk Empire</p> <p>5.45 The Sopranos</p> <p>6.50 The Sopranos</p> <p>7.55 Game of Thrones</p> <p>9.00 House of the Dragon</p> <p>10.10 Gangs of London</p> <p>11.15 House of the Dragon</p> <p>12.20 am The Nevers</p> <p>1.25 Irma Vep</p> <p>2.30 In Treatment</p> <p>3.00 In Treatment</p> <p>3.30 - 4.00am In Treatment</p>	<p>FV 14 FS 300 SKY 313 VIRGIN 428</p> <p>11.00 am Vertigo (1958)</p> <p>1.40 pm The Weaker Sex (1948, b/w) Second World War drama starring Ursula Jeans</p> <p>3.20 The War Lover (1962, b/w) Second World War drama starring Steve McQueen</p> <p>5.30 Carry On Cabby (1963, b/w) Comedy starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques</p> <p>7.20 Table 19 (2017) Comedy starring Anna Kendrick</p> <p>9.00 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (2019) Premiere. Drama starring Tom Hanks</p> <p>11.10 Logan (2017)</p> <p>1.50 - 3.45am Blindspotting (2018) Crime drama</p>	<p>FV 20 FS 158 SKY 143 VIRGIN 130</p> <p>Noon The Bill</p> <p>1.00 pm Classic EastEnders</p> <p>1.40 Classic EastEnders</p> <p>2.20 Monarch of the Glen</p> <p>3.20 A Place to Call Home</p> <p>4.20 All Creatures Great and Small</p> <p>5.20 Birds of a Feather</p> <p>6.00 Are You Being Served?</p> <p>6.40 'Allo 'Allo!</p> <p>7.20 Last of the Summer Wine</p> <p>8.00 Miss Marple</p> <p>10.20 New Tricks</p> <p>11.40 Spooks</p> <p>1.00 am Bad Girls</p> <p>2.10 - 4.00am Les Misérables</p>

<p>ITV2</p> <p>Noon Supermarket Sweep 1.00pm Family Fortunes 2.00 The Masked Singer US 3.05 Veronica Mars 4.00 One Tree Hill 5.00 Hart of Dixie 6.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special 7.00 Secret Crush 8.00 Bob's Burgers 9.00 Family Guy 9.30 American Dad! 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.00 Bob's Burgers 12.55am All American 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.20 World's Funniest Videos 2.45 Unwind with ITV 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>Lakes 9.00 Devon and Cornwall 10.00 Holidays from Hell: Caught on Camera 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.05am 999: On the Front Line 1.10 Holidays from Hell: Caught on Camera 2.15 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 3.15-3.45am Food Unwrapped</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Noon Bangers and Cash 1.00pm Border Force: America's Gatekeepers 2.00 Top Gear 3.00 Rick Stein's Secret France 4.00 Top Gear 5.00 Rick Stein's Secret France 6.00 Taskmaster 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games 7.40 Room 101 8.20 Would I Lie to You? 9.00 QI XL 10.00 Question Time 11.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 12.00am QI 1.15 QI XL 2.25 Room 101 2.55 Would I Lie to You? 3.25-4.00am Mock the Week</p> <p>Sky Sports Main Event</p> <p>10.15am Live Test Cricket, England v South Africa. Live coverage of the fifth and final day of the series-concluding Third Test, held at The Kia Oval</p> <p>7.00pm Sky Sports News. analysis and comment, plus extended interviews with the headline-makers 11.00 Sky Sports News. Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment, plus extended interviews with the headline-makers 12.00 Sky Sports</p>	<p>News 1.00-4.30am Live NFL. Seattle Seahawks v Denver Broncos (kick-off 1.15am). Live coverage of the week one match at Lumen Field</p> <p>Sky Sports Premier League</p> <p>Noon Premier League Years 10.00pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox 12.00-4.00am Premier League Years</p> <p>BT Sport 1</p> <p>Noon Primeira Liga 1.00pm ESPN FC 1.30 Badminton 3.30 Ligue 1 Highlights 4.30 Uefa Champions League Magazine 5.00 ESPN FC 5.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls 6.00 Joe Cole Cast 6.30 Ligue 1 Highlights 7.30 Live: Serie A. Empoli v Roma (kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the Italian top-flight encounter at Stadio Carlo Castellani 9.45 Currie Club 10.15 Uefa Europa League Goals Reload 10.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls 11.00 WWE Raw Highlights 12.00 WWE SmackDown Highlights 1.00-4.15am Live: WWE Monday Night Raw. Wrestling action, featuring Drew McIntyre and Charlotte Flair</p> <p>Sky History</p> <p>Noon American Pickers 1.00pm Weird or What? with William Shatner 2.00 Highway Thru Hell 3.00 Pawn Stars</p>	<p>4.00 River Hunters 5.00 Ross Kemp: Shipwreck Treasure Hunter 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Britain's Greatest Obsessions with Harry Hill 10.00 Cracking the Code 11.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns 12.00 What on Earth? 1.00am American Pickers 2.00 Forged in Fire 3.00-4.00am Britain's Most Historic Towns</p> <p>Sky Arts</p> <p>Noon Mystery of the Lost Paintings 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected 2.00 The Eighties 3.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2014 4.00 Discovering: Shirley MacLaine 5.00 Tales of the Unexpected 6.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 7.00 Inside Art: The Rules of Art? 7.30 FILM: Andre Rieu: Together Again (2021) The violinist presents a concert of music from around the world with performances from Sao Paulo, Mainau, Bucharest, Mexico City, Amsterdam, Melbourne and Istanbul 10.05 Mystery of the Lost Paintings 11.05 Comedy Legends 12.05am The Art of the Garden 1.05 512 Hours with Marina Abramovic 3.00-4.00am Neil Gaiman's Likely Stories</p> <p>Sky Cinema Premiere</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 10.10am The 355 (2022) Action thriller starring Jessica Chastain</p>	<p>12.30pm Last Looks (2021) Thriller starring Charlie Hunnam 2.30 Monstrous (2022) Horror starring Christina Ricci 4.05 Stowaway (2022) Action thriller starring Ruby Rose 5.45 A Journal for Jordan (2021) Drama starring Michael B Jordan 8.00 The 355 (2022) When a top-secret weapon falls into mercenary hands, a CIA agent joins forces with three international agents to retrieve it. Action thriller starring Jessica Chastain 10.05 Scream (2022) Premiere. Twenty-five years after brutal murders shocked a quiet town, a new killer dons the Ghostface mask and targets a group of teenagers. Horror sequel starring Neve Campbell 12.10am Jackass Forever (2022) Comedy starring Johnny Knoxville 2.00-4.10am Last Looks (2021) Thriller starring Charlie Hunnam</p> <p>PBS America</p> <p>10.45am The Vietnam War 1.00pm In Search of Medieval Britain 2.30 The Vietnam War 4.50 Hemingway 6.00 In Search of Medieval Britain 7.20 Flood in the Desert 8.30 The Vietnam War 10.50 Flood in the Desert 12.00 In Search of Medieval Britain 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 2.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>Talking Pictures TV</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 11.50am Between the Tides 1958 12.15pm FILM: Web of Evidence (1959, b/w) Crime thriller starring Van Johnson 2.00 Rooms 3.00 FILM: The Ship that Died of Shame (1955) Crime drama starring Richard Attenborough 5.00 The Footage Detectives 6.00 FILM: The Browning Version (1951, b/w) A lonely schoolmaster faces the realisation that his marriage and career have been failures. Drama starring Michael Redgrave 7.50 Look at Life 8.00 Gideon's Way 9.00 FILM: Rita, Sue and Bob Too (1987) A married man tries to get around his wife's boredom with sex by having a fling with the teenage babysitters. Comedy with Siobhan Finneran 10.45 Look at Life 11.00 Secret Army 12.05am FILM: Child's Play (1972) 2.05 FILM: The Party's Over (1965, b/w) Drama starring Oliver Reed 3.55-4.50am Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre</p> <p>GOLD</p> <p>11.40am Desmond's 12.15pm 2point4 Children 12.55 Dad's Army 1.30 Outnumbered 2.10 Keeping Up Appearances 2.50 Last of the Summer Wine 4.00 Dad's Army 4.40 Still Open All Hours 5.20 Keeping Up Appearances 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40</p>	<p>Dad's Army 8.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.20 Bottom 10.40 This Time with Alan Partridge 11.20 Christmas with the Royle Family 12.15am Peep Show 1.25 Desmond's 1.55 2point4 Children 2.30 Bottom 3.30-4.00am This Time with Alan Partridge</p> <p>Yesterday</p> <p>Noon The Architecture of the Railways Built 1.00pm Bangers and Cash 2.00 Abandoned Engineering 4.00 War Factories 5.00 The World at War 6.00 The Architecture of the Railways Built 7.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 The Buildings That Fought Hitler 10.00 Bangers and Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00 The Architecture of the Railways Built 1.00am Warbird Workshop 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>Discovery</p> <p>Noon Railroad Alaska 1.00pm Hoffman Family Gold 2.00 Lone Star Law 3.00 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch 4.00 Alaska: The Last Frontier 5.00 Wheeler Dealers 6.00 Kindig Customs 7.00 Junkyard Empire 8.00 Railroad Alaska 9.00 Wheeler Dealers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Yukon Men 12.00 The Alaska Triangle 1.00am Wheeler Dealers 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00-4.00am Wheeler Dealers</p>
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Northern Ireland

BBC One: No variations
BBC Two: 7.00pm Strawbridge Over the Drawbridge 7.30 - 8.00 Strawbridge Over the Drawbridge 10.00 - 10.30pm Peatall
UTV: No variations

Scotland

BBC One: No variations
BBC Scotland: 7.00pm Beechgrove 7.30 Scotland's Home of the Year 8.00 Loggerheads 8.30 Scotland's Best Dog 9.00 The Nine 10.00 River City 10.30 Sky High Club: Scotland and Beyond 11.00 Style Fixers 11.30 Loop midnight Close
STV: 3.00 - 4.55am Unwind with STV

Wales

BBC One: No variations
BBC Two: No variations
ITV Wales: 11.15 - 12.05am Gino's Italy: Like Mamma Used to Make

ITV Regions

No variations

S4C

6.00am Cyw 12.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 12.05pm Dim Byd i'w Wisgo 12.30 Cwpan Rygbi 7 Bob Ochor y Byd 2022 1.00 Adre 1.30 Sain Fagan 2.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 2.05 Prynawn Da 3.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 3.05 Y Babell Llen a Mwy 4.00 Awr Fawr: Cywion Bach 4.05 Awr Fawr: Odo 4.15 Awr Fawr: Gwidiw 4.30 Awr Fawr: Sion y Chef 4.45 Awr Fawr: Iach 5.00 Stwnsh 6.00 Codi Hwyl 6.30 Rownd a Rownd 6.57 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 8.00 Sgwrs Dan y Lloer 8.25 Garddio a Mwy 8.55 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 9.00 Cefn Gwlad 9.30 Triathlon Para y Byd, Abertawe 10.00 Caeau Cymru 10.30 Y Llinell 11.00 - 11.35pm Gwyliau Gartref

Weather & Crosswords*

Forecast

General situation

Spells of rain and showers will spread across Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, northern and central England today. Southern England will be largely dry with increasing cloud.

- ◆ London, Cent S England, Channel Is, SW England, E England, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands: Generally dry today and mostly cloudy. A light S wind. Max 70-76F (21-24C). The odd shower in the evening across central regions. Min 54-62F (12-16C).
- ◆ NW England, Lake Dist, IoM, Cent N England, NE England: Mostly cloudy today with periods of rain. A moderate SW wind. Max 64-70F (17-21C). Dry tonight with patchy cloud. Min 46-55F (7-12C).
- ◆ Wales: A bit of rain today. A moderate W wind. Max 68-73F (20-22C). Rather cloudy tonight. Min 50-58F (10-14C).
- ◆ N Ireland: Broken cloud today with showers early. A gentle NW wind. Max 63-65F (17-18C). Dry tonight. Min 48-53F (9-11C).
- ◆ SW Scotland, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Scot Highlands, Argyll, W Isles, SE Scotland, NE Scotland, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland: Showers today; tapering off midday in the south. A moderate W wind. Max 47-65F (8-18C). Mainly dry tonight. Min 42-57F (5-14C).

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● 30-40° 86-104
● 25-30° 77-86
● 20-25° 68-77
● 15-20° 59-68
● 10-15° 50-59
● 5-10° 41-50
● 0-5° 32-41
● -20-0° -4-32
Pressure 992 29.29
Millibars
Inches

Outlook
On Tuesday, a late-day shower will shift along the southern coast of England; largely dry elsewhere. On Wednesday, it will be mainly dry across the U.K. aside from the odd shower on the southern coast.

Four day forecast
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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British readings

Last night's report for 24 hours to 6pm • *estimated readings

	Sun hrs	Rain in °C	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather
Aberdeen	6.0	0.00	17 6	p/cloudy
Aberystwyth	5.4*	0.01	19 8	showers
Antrim	0.3	0.12	17 11	rain
Aviemore	4.0	0.01	18 3	p/cloudy
Barnstaple	4.1*	0.00	21 12	p/cloudy
Barrow-in-Furns.	7.1*	0.02	19 12	showers
Basingstoke	3.2	0.00	22 10	p/cloudy
Bedford	2.7*	0.01	22 13	p/cloudy
Belfast	3.5*	0.11	18* 12*	rain
Berwick	3.7*	0.00	16 15	p/cloudy
Birmingham	4.4*	0.00	22 9	p/cloudy
Bodmin	1.5*	0.00	18 12	cloudy
Bournemouth	6.2	0.00	21 8	p/cloudy
Braintree	2.9*	0.00	22 11	p/cloudy
Brecon	3.5*	0.01	19 7	p/cloudy
Bridlington	2.4*	0.00	20 14	cloudy
Brighton	5.4*	0.00	21 12	p/cloudy
Bristol	4.5*	0.00	22* 12*	p/cloudy
Cambridge	0.0	0.03	18 14	showers
Cardiff	0.2	0.00	21 13	cloudy
Carlisle	5.6*	0.01	21 9	showers
Catterick	2.5	0.08	20 13	showers
Cheltenham	4.7*	0.00	22* 11*	p/cloudy
Chester	0.2	0.00	21 9	cloudy
Coventry	3.6*	0.00	21* 10*	p/cloudy
Doncaster	2.0*	0.00	21* 12*	cloudy
Dover	5.6*	0.00	21 13	p/cloudy
Dundee	3.2	0.00	18 7	p/cloudy
Eastbourne	4.9	0.00	22 13	p/cloudy
Edinburgh	2.3	0.02	20 11	showers
Epsom	6.3*	0.00	21 11	p/cloudy
Falmouth	0.7*	0.04	19 14	showers
Farnborough	4.7*	0.00	22* 10*	p/cloudy
Fort William	1.7	0.01	17 7	showers
Glasgow	0.3	0.08	17 8	showers
Great Malvern	4.4*	0.00	22 9	p/cloudy
Grimsby	1.2*	Trace	20 11	showers
Guernsey	4.8*	0.00	22 13	p/cloudy
Hereford	3.4*	0.01	21 9	p/cloudy
High Wycombe	4.4*	0.00	21 13	p/cloudy
Holyhead	1.9	0.04	18 12	showers
Huddersfield	3.3*	0.00	18 11	p/cloudy
Ipswich	3.8	0.02	22 11	showers
Isle of Man	2.0	0.42	18 12	rain
Isle of Skye	5.3*	0.00	17* 11*	p/cloudy
Isle of Wight	5.8*	0.00	20 16	p/cloudy
Isles of Scilly	6.5*	0.51	19 17	rain
Jersey	9.6	0.01	23 13	p/cloudy
Kew Gardens	4.8*	0.00	22* 12*	p/cloudy
King's Lynn	1.8*	0.00	22 12	cloudy
Leeds	2.9*	0.00	20* 12*	p/cloudy
Leek	6.4*	0.00	18 12	p/cloudy
Leominster	0.3	0.00	21 7	cloudy
Lincoln	3.1	0.03	21 13	showers
Liverpool	0.2	Trace	21 9	showers
London	3.8	0.00	23 12	p/cloudy
Manchester	7.6*	0.00	18 9	p/cloudy
Middlesbrough	2.0*	0.06	19 13	cloudy
Newcastle	2.4*	0.00	20 9	cloudy
Newquay	0.0	0.03	18 14	showers
Nottingham	0.8	0.00	20 11	cloudy
Orkney	7.5	0.00	16 8	p/cloudy
Oxford	1.1	0.01	22 11	showers
Perth	3.9*	0.00	18 7	p/cloudy
Peterborough	2.9*	0.00	22* 10*	p/cloudy
Plymouth	1.8*	0.00	20 14	cloudy
Portsmouth*	7.1*	0.00*	21* 11*	p/cloudy
Prestwick	0.0	0.12	18 11	rain
Ramsgate	5.5*	0.00	22 17	p/cloudy
Rhyl	10.7*	0.00	21 12	p/cloudy
Rugby	3.6*	0.00	21 11	p/cloudy
Salisbury	6.2*	0.00	22 12	p/cloudy
Scunthorpe	2.1*	0.01	21 11	cloudy
Sheffield	3.4*	0.00*	21* 12*	p/cloudy
Shetland	10.8*	0.00	14 4	p/cloudy
Shrewsbury	0.2	0.00	21 9	cloudy
Skewness	0.8	0.01	20 10	p/cloudy
Southampton	7.9*	0.00	21* 11*	p/cloudy
Southend-on-Sea	6.3	0.00	22 12	p/cloudy
Stockport	4.6*	0.00	18 9	p/cloudy
Stornoway	0.9	Trace	16 11	showers
Swansea	4.1*	0.01	20 15	p/cloudy
Swindon	5.6	0.00	23 12	p/cloudy
Thirsk	0.6*	0.01	21 13	cloudy
Tiree	2.0	0.00	17 11	cloudy
Weymouth	6.4*	0.00	21 14	p/cloudy
Whitehaven	6.0*	0.03	19 11	showers
Widmerere	5.3*	0.00	18* 9*	p/cloudy
Worcester	4.3*	0.00	22 9	p/cloudy
Yeovil	5.1	0.00	22 9	p/cloudy
York	2.3*	0.00	21* 12*	cloudy

Sun & moon (Greenwich)

Sun rises	0632
Sun sets	1923
Moon rises	2024
Moon sets	0848
Last quarter	Sep 17

Yesterday

Warmest	London 23C (74F)
Colest	Lochnagar 1C (33F)
Wettest	Glenanne 0.80 in.
Sunniest	Shetland 10.8 hr.

Lighting up

Aberdeen	1936 to 0635
Belfast	1949 to 0654
Birmingham	1930 to 0638
London	1923 to 0633
Manchester	1932 to 0639
Penzance	1943 to 0655

High water

Aberdeen	0303 4.6m 1541 4.3m
Belfast	0050 3.7m 1319 3.4m
Cardiff	0914 12.7m 2133 13.0m
Dover	0105 6.8m 1316 7.1m
Falmouth	0725 5.3m 1938 5.5m
Harwich	0138 4.3m 1351 4.2m
Holyhead	- 1227 5.6m
Hull	0809 8.2m 2050 7.6m
Liverpool	0052 9.9m 1318 9.5m
London	0354 7.3m 1608 7.3m
Portsmouth	0100 4.8m 1341 4.9m
Southampton	0033 4.6m 0627 0.3m

Pollen count

Pollen: low. Spores: moderate to high. Weed, grass and tree pollen: low. Fungal spores: high.

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Sea forecast

S North Sea: A light westerly wind today. Seas will be smooth to slight. Visibility will be moderate.

Dover Strait, English Channel: A light southeasterly wind today. Seas will be smooth to slight. Visibility will be good.

St. George's Channel: A gentle northeasterly wind today. Seas will be slight to moderate. Visibility will be fair.

Irish Sea: A light to moderate northwesterly wind today. Seas will be slight to moderate. Visibility will be mainly good, but occasionally moderate.

European readings

Last night's report for 24 hours to 6pm

	Max °C	Min °C	Daytime weather
Akrotiri	31	22	sunny
Alicante	30	20	p/cloudy
Amsterdam	22	13	p/cloudy
Athens	34	25	sunny
Barcelona	28	21	p/cloudy
Bari	27	19	sunny
Belgrade	21	16	storms
Benidorm	31	20	p/cloudy
Bergen	16	7	p/cloudy
Berlin	19	13	p/cloudy
Biarritz	35	16	sunny
Bodrum	36	22	sunny
Bordeaux	32	15	sunny
Brest	25	14	p/cloudy
Brussels	22	13	p/cloudy
Bucharest	28	16	p/cloudy
Budapest	21	15	storms
Cagliari	33	19	sunny
Chamonix	21	3	sunny
Copenhagen	18	14	cloudy
Corfu	30	22	p/cloudy
Cork	18	15	rain
Corsica	29	18	sunny
Crete	29	22	sunny
Dublin	18	9	rain
Dubrovnik	29	20	storms
Faro	26	20	sunny
Florence	30	16	p/cloudy
Frankfurt	23	14	p/cloudy
Funchal	26	22	showers
Gdansk	18	12	p/cloudy
Geneva	23	10	sunny
Gibraltar	25	19	rain
Hamburg	21	9	p/cloudy
Helsinki	17	1	p/cloudy
Innsbruck	20	12	storms
Istanbul	28	22	sunny
Kyiv	17	11	storms
La Rochelle	29	16	sunny
Lisbon	26	18	p/cloudy
Locarno	26	15	sunny
Luxembourg	19	13	p/cloudy
Madrid	36	17	sunny
Majorca	31	22	sunny
Malaga	27	19	p/cloudy
Malta	32	24	sunny
Marseille	28	18	sunny
Menorca	29	22	sunny
Milan	28	16	sunny
Monaco	26	19	sunny
Moscow	15	3	p/cloudy
Munich	19	12	storms
Naples	28	19	sunny
Nice	26	19	sunny
Nicosia	38	22	sunny
Oporto	25	16	p/cloudy
Oslo	17	7	p/cloudy
Palermo	28	24	sunny
Paris	22	11	p/cloudy
Perpignan	27	17	sunny
Prague	19	13	storms
Reykjavik	13	8	sunny
Rhodes	30	26	sunny
Riga	16	5	sunny
Rome	29	19	sunny
Saint Malo	25	12	p/cloudy
Salzburg	15	12	storms
Santander	28	16	sunny
Santiago/Comp.	26	13	p/cloudy
Sofia	24	15	cloudy
St. Petersburg	18	6	sunny
Stockholm	16	9	p/cloudy
Strasbourg	24	15	p/cloudy
Tenerife	27	22	sunny
Tirana	32	19	p/cloudy
Toulouse	34	14	sunny
Valencia	31	20	sunny
Venice	25	16	sunny
Vienna	21	13	storms
Vigo	28	16	p/cloudy
Vilnius	13	7	rain
Warsaw	16	8	rain
Zagreb	26	12	p/cloudy
Zurich	22	12	p/cloudy

Sujiko® GENTLE NO 4439

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	20	16
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To play Sujiko, enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the total in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding squares.

Suguru NO 1527

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The aim of Suguru is to fill the grid so that no same digit is touching. A two-cell outlined block contains the digits 1 and 2; a three-cell block contains 1, 2, 3; and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.

World readings

	Max °C	Min °C	Daytime weather
Accra	28	23	cloudy
Addis Ababa	20	14	showers
Adelaide	14	9	p/cloudy
Alexandria	31	25	sunny
Algiers	33	20	p/cloudy
Amman	33	20	sunny
Anchorage	12	9	cloudy
Ankara	31	12	sunny
Ascension Is.	27	22	cloudy
Auckland	15	9	p/cloudy
Baghdad	43	29	sunny
Bahamas	32	27	p/cloudy
Bahrain	42	33	sunny
Bamako	29	22	storms
Bangkok	32	25	storms
Beijing	30	18	haze
Beirut	30	24	sunny
Bermuda	29	26	p/cloudy
Bogota	18	10	rain
Bridgetown	31	27	sunny
Brisbane	24	14	p/cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	9	p/cloudy
Cairo	34	22	haze
Canberra	13	5	sunny
Cape Town	16	11	showers
Casablanca	31	20	p/cloudy
Chicago	22	19	rain
Christchurch	12	5	rain
Colombo	30	25	cloudy
Damascus	37	18	sunny
Dar es Salaam	28	20	showers
Dhaka	29	27	storms
Dubai	37	31	sunny
Falkland Is.	10	4	cloudy
Harare	28	12	sunny
Havana	32	25	storms
Hong Kong	33	27	storms
Honolulu	25	23	p/cloudy
Jakarta	32	24	storms
Jeddah	36	30	sunny
Jerusalem	32	19	sunny
Johannesburg	29	16	sunny
Kabul	29	15	sunny
Karachi	36	28	p/cloudy
Kolkata	30	26	storms
Kuala Lumpur	29	25	showers
La Paz	17	3	sunny
Lahore	29	25	p/cloudy
Lima	17	11	p/cloudy
Los Angeles	28	24	p/cloudy
Maldives	30	27	p/cloudy
Manila	31	25	p/cloudy
Marrakesh	38	23	p/cloudy
Melbourne	17	7	rain
Miami	33	28	storms
Montego Bay	31	27	cloudy
Mumbai	31	26	cloudy
Nairobi	26	15	p/cloudy
New Orleans	31	23	p/cloudy
New Delhi	36	27	p/cloudy
New York	24	21	rain
Ottawa	25	13	cloudy
Perth	23	6	sunny
Port-of-Spain	32	24	showers
Rio de Janeiro	22	18	cloudy
Riyadh	43	28	sunny
San Francisco	20	18	cloudy
Santiago	12	8	showers
Seattle	23	16	cloudy
Seoul	27	20	p/cloudy
Seychelles	28	25	windy
Singapore	29	25	cloudy
Sydney	21	11	sunny
Taipei City	28	25	storms
Tangier	31	21	p/cloudy
Tel Aviv	33	22	sunny
Tokyo	27	22	p/cloudy
Toronto	24	20	cloudy
Tunis	34	23	sunny
Vancouver	20	14	p/cloudy
Washington	25	22	showers
Wellington	13	11	cloudy
Winnipeg	21	4	sunny

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17	18	10

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